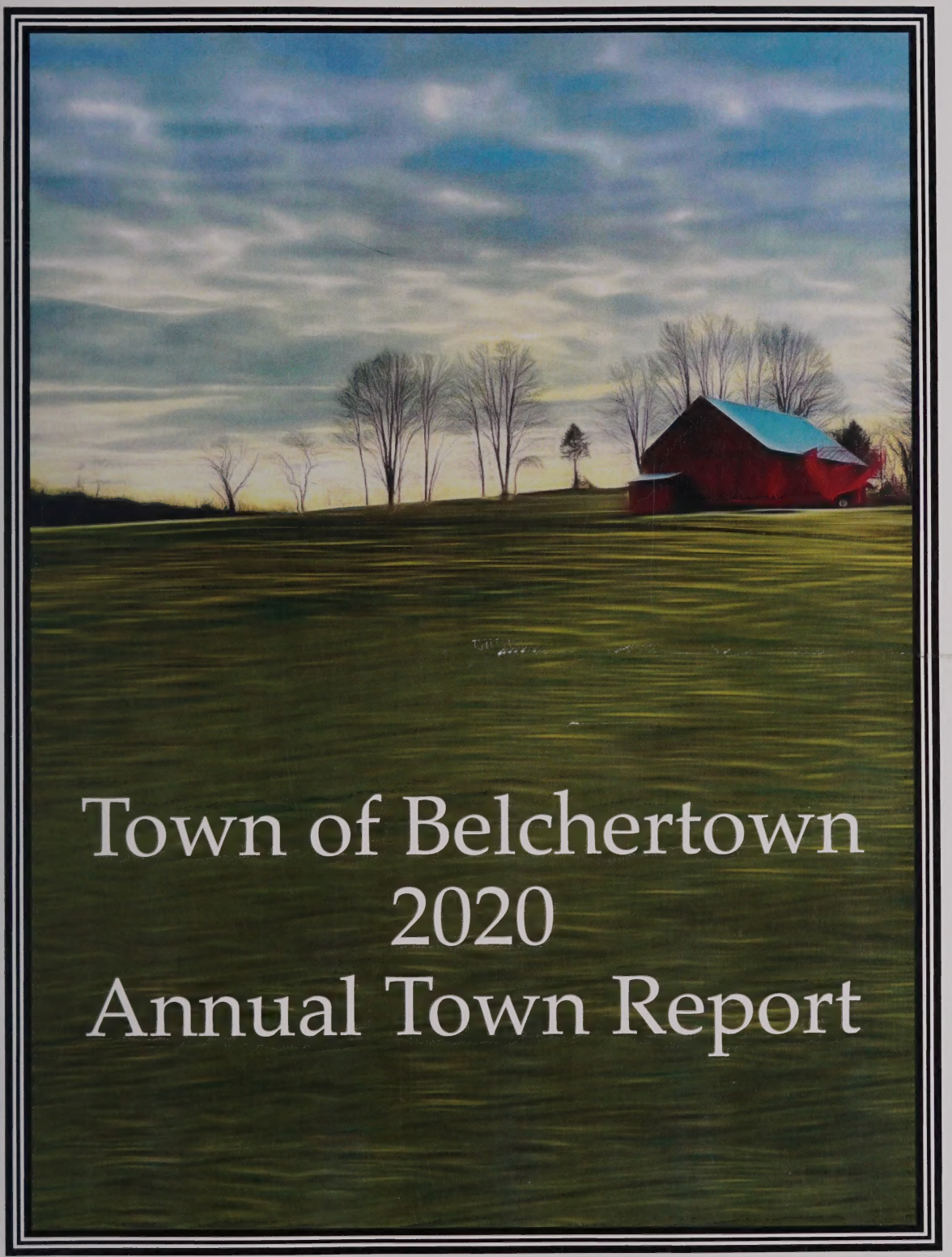

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Special thanks to Linda Repasky who submitted the cover photograph – taken on Hamilton Street.

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2020 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2021
Linda Tsoumas	5/2021

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Kenneth H. Snow	5/2021
Mary Olberding	5/2022
Nicole J. Dunham	5/2023

Board of Assessors

Donald L. Minney	5/2021
Raymond G. Goff	5/2022
Thomas A. Barry	5/2023

Board of Health

Dana Burton	5/2020
Colleen Duroshea	5/2021
LeeAnne Connolly	5/2022
James F Potter	5/2022
Hope V.H. Guardenier	5/2023
Kenneth Elstein	5/2023

Housing Authority

Judith O'Kulsky	5/2021
Brian J. Rooney	5/2024
Marie Ciosek	5/2024
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	5/2025
State Seat - Vacant	

Moderator

Joseph D. Bernard	5/2020
Amanda Halperin	5/2023

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Lorraine F. Alves	11/2022
Francesco Dell'Olio	11/2023

Planning Board

Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2021
Alice Knittel	5/2022
James J. Natle	5/2023
Justin Rosienski	5/2024
Michael A. Hofler	5/2025

Name	Office	Term Expires

School Committee

Ruby Bansal	5/2021
Joshua R. Wallace	5/2021
Diane O. Brown	5/2022
Heidi G. Gutekenst	5/2023
Michael J. Knapp	5/2023

Board of Selectmen

Gail Gramarossa	5/2021
Nicholas J. O'Connor	5/2021
Edward G. Boscher	5/2022
Jennifer D. Turner	5/2022
James A. Barry	5/2023

Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	5/2021

2020 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Affordable Housing Tax Abatement Review Committee (Established Jan. 28, 2020

Doug Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report
Gail Gramarossa, Selectman	Final Report
Lisa Banner, Treasurer/Collector	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Steven J. Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report
Robert Lachance (retired)	Final Report
Eric LeBeau	Final Report

Name	Office	Term Expires

Agricultural Commission

Sandra Brougham, Assoc. Mbr	6/30/20
Louise Butler, Assoc. Mbr	6/30/21
Tammy Ryan, Assoc. Mbr	6/30/21
Thomas Hastings	6/30/21
Judith Fuller Gillan *(deceased)*	6/30/22
Tom Roberts	6/30/22
Jeff Pronovost *(appt 12/14/20)*	6/30/22
Lori Carver	6/30/23
Will Shattuck	6/30/23

Animal Control Advisory Board

Chrystal Greenleaf	6/30/21
Paul Kopulos	6/30/21
Jim Luippold	6/30/22
Nicole A. Miner	6/30/22
Brian Breveleri	6/30/23
Carol Kasabian	6/30/23
Audrey Safford	6/30/23

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton	4/30/21

Assistant Animal Control Officer

Jessica LaBonte	4/30/21
Janet Lipscomb	4/30/21
Sarah Byrnes *(appt 1/13/20)*	4/30/21

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/21

B.O.A.T.

Carrie Latulippe, Public Health Nurse	6/30/20
Kimberly Dion, Medical Community	6/30/21
Phyllis Ducomb, School Nurse Leader	6/30/21
Gail Gramarossa, Selectman	6/30/21
Jason Krol, School Resource Officer	6/30/21
Neil Lozier, Police Department	6/30/21
Judy Metcalf, Board of Health	6/30/21
Kevin Pacunas, Police Department	6/30/21
Jill Panto	6/30/21

Name	Office	Term Expires

Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/21

Belchertown's Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock

Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency Planning Committee Inc.(WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock

Communications Committee (est. 10/5/2020)

Community Preservation Committee

Lyndsey Peterson, At Large Mbr *(removed 1/13/20-moved to another community)*	
Nancy Delgado Bachmann, Housing Authority Rep.	6/30/21
Alexander Loss, Historical Commission	6/30/21
Linda Leduc, At Large Mbr	6/30/21
Megan Manitsas, At Large Mbr	6/30/22
David Lamb, Conservation Commission	6/30/22
Steve Corbin, Parks & Recreation Rep.	6/30/22
James Wilbur Quirk, At Large Mbr *(appt. 4/14/20)*	6/30/22
Michael Hofler, Planning Board Rep.	6/30/23
James Natle, At Large Mbr	6/30/23

Conservation Commission

Heather McCann *(resigned 8/10/20)*	
Katerina Korolov	6/30/20
Mark Brownell, Assoc. Mbr	6/30/21
Jon M. Clements	6/30/21
David M. Haines	6/30/21
David Lamb	6/30/21
Edward T. Knight	6/30/22
Douglas Beach	6/30/23
Sabrina Moreau	6/30/23

Name	Office	Term Expires

Council on Aging

Donna M. Bozoglos	6/30/21
Colleen DuroShea	6/30/21
Diane Plante	6/30/21
John Belding	6/30/22
James Dowling	6/30/22
Robert Farrington	6/30/23
Maura Guzik	6/30/23

Belchertown Cultural Council

Sarah Maroney *(resigned 7/27/20)*	6/30/22
April Jasak-Bangs *(resigned 7/27/20)*	6/30/23
Gretchen Duhaime	6/30/21
Melissa Mann	6/30/21
Jocelyn Walker	6/30/21
Jennifer Whitehead	6/30/21
Nicole Carlson	6/30/22
Candace Clement *(appt 12/7/2020)*	6/30/23
Trista Hevey	6/30/23
Audrey Anderson	6/30/23
April Jasak-Bangs *(appt 12/7/20)*	6/30/23

DIF Committee

Gary Brougham, Town Administrator
Lisa Banner, Treasurer-Collector
Douglas Albertson, Town Planner
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Robert Rivard, Industrial Seat	6/30/21
Kirk Stephens, At Large Seat	6/30/21
Beth Maroney, Financial Seat	6/30/22
Jonathan Spiegel, At Large Seat	6/30/22
William A. Terry, Govt. Seat	6/30/22
Richard Kump, Real Estate Seat	6/30/23

Energy and Sustainability Committee
Established 12/14/2020

Jacob Robinson	6/30/22
Joanne Collins	6/30/22
Todd Perry	6/30/23
Michael Potishnak	6/30/23
Patricia Krebs	6/30/24
Frank Byrne	6/30/24
John Piekara	6/30/24

Name	Office	Term Expires

Fair Committee

William Austin	6/30/21
Cindy Brown	6/30/21
Kevin Brown	6/30/21
Scott Brown	6/30/21
Carla Chaisson	6/30/21
Wendy Chevalier	6/30/21
Shawn Lindholm	6/30/21
Mark Nute	6/30/21
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/21

Family Center

Debra Lebeau *(resigned 3/16/20)*	6/30/20
Elizabeth Crosby	6/30/21
Katrina Staples	6/30/21
Roger Allen, Jr.	6/30/22
Nicole Dunham	6/30/22
Natalie Santana (*appt 6/29/20)*	6/30/23

Finance Committee

Laurie Shea	6/30/21
Lynne Raymer	6/30/22
Steven Rose	6/30/22
Ronald E. Aponte	6/30/23
Michael Otto	6/30/23
Alyssa Mandeville *(appt 6/16/20)*	6/30/23

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire County
Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

Board of Health – Appointments
Burial Agent & Assistant

Colleen Toothill-Berte	6/30/21
Theresa Rothwell, Assistant	6/30/21

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf, Director of Public Health	6/30/21

Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Scott Siege, MD	6/30/21

Name	Office	Term Expires

Inspector of Animals

Thomas Flebotte	3/30/21

Historical Commission

John Belding *(appt. 8/10/20)*	6/30/21
Jill Bierly	6/30/21
Judith Fuller Gillan *(Deceased)*	6/30/21
Angela Bergeron-Alexander	6/30/22
Patrick Bierly	6/30/22
Bruce Klockars	6/30/23
Alexander Loss	6/30/23
Kevin Lynn	6/30/23

Historic District By-law Commission

Denise Smith, Historic Assoc. Seat	6/30/21
Jonathan Spiegel, At Large Mbr	6/30/21
Craig A Schumacher, Architect Seat	6/30/21
Thomas Stockton, Resident/Property Owner Seat	6/30/22
Sharon Burdick, At Large Mbr *(appt 5/11/20)*	6/30/23
Irene Mariettos, Real Estate Seat	6/30/23

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/23

Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/21
Chris Rice	6/30/21

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/21

Assistant Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Charles Lydon, Jr.	6/30/21

Inspector of Wiring

Richard Rosazza	6/30/21
David Sedelow	6/30/21
Mitchell Staszko	6/30/21

Lakes Committee

Kathi Smith	6/30/21
Bonnie Strickland	6/30/22
John Soja	6/30/22
LeeAnne Connolly	6/30/23
Jenicca Gallagher	6/30/23

Name	Office	Term Expires

Memorial Committee

William Bowen	6/30/21
Edward T. Knight	6/30/21
George (Archie) Archible	6/30/22
Patrick S. Loftus	6/30/22
Charly Oliva *(appt 1/14/20)*	6/30/23

Mobile Home Rent Control Board

Donald Minney	6/30/20

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

Nancy Kwiatkowski	6/30/21
William Vosburgh	6/30/21
Steve Corbin	6/30/22
Chris Shea	6/30/22
Tilo Schiffer	6/30/23

Parks & Recreation Director

Kyle Thibeault

Patrick Center Re-Use Committee

Gary Brougham	Final Rpt
Steven Williams (DPW)	Final Rpt
Nick O'Connor (Selectman)	Final Rpt
Kyle Thibeault (Recreation)	Final Rpt
Michael Knapp (School Cmte)	Final Rpt
Lori Allen (Family Center)	Final Rpt
Jill Bierly (Historical Comm)	Final Rpt
Jessica Langlois (COA)	Final Rpt

Personnel Board

Nancy Delgado Bachmann	6/30/21
Katharine Higgins Shea	6/30/21
Alyssa Mandeville	6/30/23

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits

Elizabeth Pols	6/30/20

Police Chief

Christopher Pronovost

Police Department Lieutenant

Kevin Pacunas	6/30/21

Name	Office	Term Expires

Police Department – Sergeants (Full-time)

Michael Beaupre	6/30/21
Steven Henn	6/30/21
Bruce Jenks	6/30/21
Neil Lozier	6/30/21

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Full-time)

Jeremy R. Burns *(resigned 1/3/20)*	6/30/20
Valerie Austin	6/30/21
Jordyn Bradway	6/30/21
Adam Brougham	6/30/21
Vincent Daponte *(appt full-time 6/5/20)*	6/30/21
Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/21
Michael Jablonski	6/30/21
Jason Krol	6/30/21
Jared LaValle	6/30/21
Andrew Letendre	6/30/21
Robert Mann	6/30/21
Christopher Mayo	6/30/21
Matthew Menard *(appt full-time 6/5/20)*	6/30/21
Edward H. Oey *(retired 4/21/20)*	6/30/20
John Raymer	6/30/21
Michael Roney	6/30/21
Austin Marrone *(conditional appt to full-time 12/21/20 - pending graduation from Municipal Police Academy)*	6/30/21

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Part-time)

William Panto *(resigned)*	6/30/20
Stephen B. Rose *(appt 1/13/20); (resigned 3/20/2020)*	6/30/20
Hanna Hulse	6/30/21
Robert Ivey	6/30/21
Austin Marrone *(appt part-time 7/20/20)*	6/30/21

Auxiliary Police Officers

Joseph M. Boyle *(resigned 11/16/2020)*	6/30/21
Alex Lavigne *(resigned 11/16/20)*	6/30/21
Austin Marrone	6/30/20

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Assistant

Name	Office	Term Expires

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/21
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/21
Steven J. Williams, Representative	6/30/21

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Alice Knittel *(appt 7/15/20)*	6/30/21
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/20

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/21

Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corp.

Krista B. Wilson	6/30/21

Board of Registrars

Colleen Toothill-Berte	5/21/21
Nancy Wright	3/31/21
MaryCatherine Knight	3/31/22
Carla H. Dell'Olio	3/31/23

Assistant Registrar of Voters

Belchertown High School

Robert J. Hansbury	3/31/20

Precinct Coordinator

Clair Partridge	8/31/20

Election Officers – Precinct A

Bernette Daly (Warden)	8/31/20
Donna Butler (Clerk)	8/31/20

Election Officers – Precinct B

Gale Miron (Warden)	8/31/20
Brian O'Leary (Clerk)	8/31/20

Election Officers – Precinct C

Carol B. Walker (Warden)	8/31/20
Christian Babineau (Clerk)	8/31/20

Election Officers – Precinct D

Erica Morrison Brazitis (Warden)	8/31/20
Ann Finley (Clerk)	8/31/20

Name	Office	Term Expires

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Erica Rose, At Large Mbr	6/30/20
Lisa Aiken, Home Schooling Rep.	6/30/20
Ruby Bansal, School Committee	6/30/21
Brian Cameron, Superintendent	6/30/21
Donna Lusignan, At Large Mbr	6/30/21
Lorraine Alves, Pathfinder School Cmte Mbr	6/30/21
Sarah Edwards, HS Council Rep.	6/30/21
Connie Lavelle, At large Mbr *(appt 11/10/20)*	6/30/21
Mark Kopulos *(appt 12/14/20)*	6/30/21

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

Ed Boscher, Selectman
Suzanne Bay

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/21

Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report
Erica Cross Conservation Commission	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report
Steven Williams, DPW Director	Final Report

Technology Advisory Committee

Cynthia Caporale	6/30/21
Frank Lomanno	6/30/21
Lew Louraine	6/30/21
Brian Weng	6/30/21
Michael Zoufaly	6/30/21

Trail Stewardship Council

Erica Cross, Town's Rep.	6/30/21
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/21
Jane Bryden, Landowner Rep.	6/30/21

Name	Office	Term Expires

Treasurer/Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/22

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane E. Wolfe	6/30/21

Deputy Collector

Arthur P. Jones	12/31/21

Town Accountant

Jill M. Panto	6/30/22

Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/21

Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham

Assistant Town Clerk

Theresa A. Rothwell	6/30/21

Town Counsel

KP LAW	6/30/21

Trench Permitting Authority

Paul Adzima
Steve Williams, Alternate

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/22

Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood	3/31/22

Veterans' Service Agent

Charly Oliva	4/30/21

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

Janet Jourdain	6/30/23
William McClure	6/30/23
Keith Poulin, Assoc. Mbr	6/30/23
Larry Raines, At Large Mbr	6/30/21
George "Archie" Archible	6/30/22
William Bowen, At Large Mbr	6/30/22
Robert Vigneault, At Large Mbr	6/30/22
Michael Edreich	6/30/22

Charly Oliva – Period of Employment *(appt 1/14/20)*
Vincent Viglione – Period of Employment

Name	Office	Term Expires	Name	Office	Term Expires

Willard Stebbins Trust Fund

Peg Louraine
Thomas Stockton

Zoning Board of Appeals

Nolan Smith Fernandez, Associate Mbr. *(resigned 1/13/20)*	6/30/20
Wayne Versace, Assoc. Mbr	6/30/21
Dino Brunetti Assoc. Mbr	6/30/21
Mark Hebert	6/30/21
Brian Gibbons	6/30/22
Jennifer Sharrow	6/30/23

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/21

SELECT BOARD

As I write this in February 2021, our beloved town, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the nation, and the globe are still confronted with a once-in-a-lifetime public health pandemic, COVID-19. It is near impossible to think about 2020 without noting its impact individually and collectively.

On behalf of the Select Board, we are grateful for town employees and volunteers who demonstrated incredible dedication, grit, and resourcefulness. Staff and volunteers pivoted to the virtual space to maintain public meetings and essential services. They assured that key activities such as town and statewide/national elections were held. We had a full agenda and budget for FY 21 at the May 2020 Annual Town Meeting. With significant planning and tech support, it was held with both indoors and outdoors to keep attendees as safe as possible. Town Hall staff developed systems to meet residents' needs for documents, submission of payments, paperwork, and access to information that included a drop-box at Town Hall and by-mail services. Staff and volunteers continued services and cultural events for a range of community members – from youth to older adults – with drive-through, contact-less, and online options. The implementation of the town's Stormwater Management Plan began in 2020. Major road improvement projects on Maple Street and Route 202 were conducted; DPW staff continued work on tree concerns and improvements at the Transfer Station. Staff continued to apply for and receive grant funding to support recreational trails, green space preservation, and economic development. The ingenuity and creativity from staff and volunteers was impressive. The Select Board also thanks the Finance Committee, Town Administrator, Town Accountant, Town Treasurer Collector, Assessors, and Department Heads for their work to keep the budget and finances of the town fully functional and always in mind. This was in addition to having to manage and track COVID-19 funding and expenses. The Select Board appreciates the hard work and is grateful for their efforts.

In 2020, we saw how important it is to be a member of the Quabbin Health District. Its highly qualified staff worked non-stop to address the pandemic. We want to honor and recognize decades of service and leadership from Judy Metcalf, the Public Health Director, who will be retiring in spring 2021. Our public safety personnel had increased demands due to COVID-19. We want to honor and recognize decades of dedicated leadership and service from Fire Chief Ted Bock, who will also be retiring in spring of 2021.

The business community faced significant hardships from COVID-19. The Select Board supported work to update the Economic Development and Open Space/Recreation sections of our Community Plan. This was in tandem with local entrepreneurs and non-profits working to bring new commercial enterprises to town. The Select Board and fiscal staff remain committed to state-of-the-art financial management principles and practices. We remain in a challenging financial environment; we have a multitude of talented people working on behalf of you, the taxpayer.

The Select Board set an ambitious agenda for 2020-2021 and continues to work toward: improved communications about town government; increased attention to diversity, equity and inclusion in operations; increased support for energy efficiency and ways to reduce climate change; becoming a more 'age-friendly' community; and re-examining staff roles such as potential benefits of a Town Manager, Human Resources staff, and increased technology, commercial, and recreational opportunities to better meet residents' needs in the 21st century. Finally, our thanks go out to residents who stepped up with courage and compassion to meet the many challenges of COVID-19 and its impact on daily life. We look with hope to healthier times.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail L. Gramarossa, Chair
Belchertown Select Board

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The year 2020 began with the customary discussions focused on the upcoming budget cycle and routine town business. Soon thereafter rumors of a very contagious virus began to emerge on news outlets with some health experts predicting it would eventually establish itself in the United States. On or about March 20, 2020, Belchertown recorded its first case of the Coronavirus. As the virus became more widespread with very disabling and in some cases with fatal impacts, our town, our state and our country began to shut down. Town buildings, local businesses, schools, athletic programs and cultural events were all prohibited in an effort to slow the progress of this virus and its ability to surge. With all town buildings essentially closed to public access, our town employees and departments were tasked with reinventing the way they conducted essential town business. In some areas, staff were broken into different work groups to comply with COVID-19 protocol. This was not an easy transition considering the logistical challenges many of our departments faced with safely protecting workers, enabling some employees who were impacted with COVID-19 within their own families, working mothers who were unable to find childcare, and public safety employees who were unable to secure adequate personal protective equipment. Our Senior Center closed to the public and quickly transitioned to ramp up home delivered meal services and reassigning staff to face the new never experienced challenges. The Clapp Memorial Library with its doors closed quickly transitioned to preordered books in a bag services. Our Inspection Services Department devised ways to conduct building inspections necessary to support a booming housing industry in Belchertown without entering many of the structures needing construction inspections where there was occupancy. Looking back, every town department faced unbelievable challenges in their efforts to continue providing seamless operations. The creativity, dedication and commitment of the Town employees never ceased to amaze me prior to the Coronavirus outbreak but having witnessed their ingenuity during this most challenging time leaves me fully confident the Town employees are capable of any challenge.

As I have been reporting in prior years, the Town of Belchertown continues to work with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Hampshire Housing Court and the Sportshaven Mobile Home Park Tenants Association in our efforts to redevelop essential infrastructure at this mobile home facility. I am happy to report, we were able to secure a $1 million dollar community block grant to begin the process of redeveloping the facility's drinking water supply. After more than 25 years of false starts in our efforts to rebuild infrastructure and properly license this facility, obtaining the $1 million dollar grant funding is a giant step forward. At present we have advertised and are currently working with a contractor for design services to begin to identify the location for the new water supply and provide preliminary design of the distribution network. In the months to come, we will continue to work with the Attorney General's Office, DEP, Massachusetts Legal Assistance, the Sportshaven Tenants Association and the Hampshire Housing Court to accomplish all the essential tasks that must occur to finalize this transition.

At the former Belchertown State School site, 2020 was another ambitious year with the construction and opening of the new Belchertown Day School facility and further demolition of a number of the larger remaining buildings on the former campus. At present there are few remaining buildings to be razed, the former power house being the largest structure. The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) and its development partner, MassDevelopment, are seeking grant funding to address that specific building's demolition costs estimating to be in excess of $1 million dollars. We are also in the process of reviewing 25% design plans for an additional short cul-de-sac accessing the portion of the former campus identified as light industrial. We are hopeful a contract will be in place to begin construction of this 600' street in late summer or early fall of 2021.

As a result of the legalization of recreational cannabis, we have been entering into Host Community Agreements (HCA) enabling retailers and cultivators of cannabis and cannabis products to apply for state licenses to conduct their business. We presently have two HCAs in place with retailers; one located at Route 9 and George Hannum Road which is anticipated to open in late April/early May of 2021. The other is located in the Family Dollar plaza but has not advanced in their permitting process as efficiently

as the first. We also have two HCAs with cultivators of cannabis enabling them to apply for state licenses to conduct business in Belchertown. One is entirely indoors; the other is partially out and partially in. The benefit of all of these proposals is the Town will collect a 3% Annual Community Impact tax on the gross sales of these products; each commitment is bound by a five year Host Community Agreement ratified between the Town and the business owner.

As many of you are likely aware, our Department of Public Works and MassDOT launched a complete reconstruction/rebuilding of Maple and State Streets from the Town Center to the intersection of Routes 21 and 202. This project will provide increased pavement width including turning lanes, new sidewalks and signaled intersections at Stadler, Front and Maple Streets, and also at Route 21 and State Street. Sidewalks will also be constructed to the Eastern Hampshire County Courthouse enabling bus service to travel to that location which has been prohibited since the Courthouse opened a number of years ago. Currently anyone using the PVTA bus service to access the Courthouse must find a ride or walk from the Town Center parking lot to the Courthouse to conduct their business.

As in many recent years, Belchertown's new home construction remains brisk. In 2020, approximately 48 new single family homes and nine new condominiums were constructed. The affordability of development land in Belchertown and historic low mortgage rates are driving this industry at a substantial rate. I anticipate similar results in calendar year 2021.

On the business front, the Pride family of convenience stores/gas stations, finished construction of a new facility at the intersection of Route 21 and 202. The store is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week providing convenience store services in addition to a 24 hours, seven days a week fuel outlet. This is particularly beneficial for contractors who work plowing snow and sanding our roads throughout the winter season, often times throughout the night. Their ability to secure fuel locally is overwhelmingly popular.

In closing, it is with extreme gratitude that I thank the employees and public officials of our town for their unwavering commitment and ability to continue meeting the increased demands for essential services as our town continues to grow. That ability and in itself is quite impressive but adding to it the extreme challenges and hardships we have all experienced during this public pandemic is an incredible accomplishment.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham,
Town Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE

For Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20), which encompassed July 2019-June 2020, Belchertown had a 2.8% increase in total revenues versus FY19. The revenues consisted of real estate taxation, State Aid, Local Receipts such as excise tax and investment income as well as Certified Free Cash and Stab ilization Funds. The Finance Committee along with the Board of Selectmen and Town officials worked to prioritize departmental requests in excess of FY19 spending levels in order to maintain an acceptable level of programs and services to the Town.

	FY2019	FY2020	Projected FY2021	% Change from FY20
Local Receipts	$3,410,386	$3,537,469	$3,576,933	1.16%
Real Estate Tax Levy	$27,678,028	$28,616,142	$29,676,636	3.71%
MA State Aid (Cherry Sheet)	$18,475,941	$18,527,829	$18,839,268	1.68%
Other Funds	$1,964,688	$2,210,780	$1,456,684	-34.11%
Less: Mandatory/Other Charges	($2,658,838)	($2,648,654)	($2,905,975)	9.72%
Revenues Available for Allocation	$48,870,205	$50,243,566	$50,643,546	0.80%

With FY21 budgets, the Town will see a continued strain on local resources due to level-funding from the State. The State's level-funding creates a heavy dependency upon local revenues such as real estate taxes which are utilized at the maximum level of 2.5% of the Town's Levy Limit. These revenue limitations constrain the options available to Town officials as they commit to maintaining essential Town services while preserving the long-term financial health of the Town.

The Finance Committee continues to focus on fiscal strategies to address necessary funding for Other Post-retirement Employee Benefits (OPEB) and capital expenses. These strategies included newly approved policies for use of certified Free Cash and OPEB spending minimums. While these strategies were implemented in FY20, the financial uncertainty associated with the Covid pandemic caused the Finance Committee to relax these policies in the FY21 budget in order to ensure as much fiscal flexibility as possible.

As we look to a future beyond the constraints of the Covid pandemic, rest assured that he Finance Committee is dedicated to addressing the Town's needs while safeguarding the Town's financial future. This is our fiduciary responsibility and our unwavering commitment to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Aponte, Chair
Finance Committee

ADA COMMITTEE

The American with Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2020 were Paul Adzima, Director of Inspection Services - ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Department, Eric LeBeau, School's Director of Buildings and Grounds; and, Max Bock, Maintenance Department.

The Committee meets throughout the year as necessary. The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

This year was very difficult for the Agricultural Community. Producers needed to change and adapt their way of marketing their products to keep pace with COVID 19 restrictions put in place by the State. Producers who lost income from wholesale outlets such as restaurants, had to move to a more successful direct market approach as consumers looked to purchasing local products directly from farms. The Belchertown Farmer's Market was fortunate enough to be able to adapt to a model that allowed for social distancing and other COVID 19 regulations so that consumers in Belchertown had a weekly opportunity to purchase fresh food directly from local farms.

The US Department of Agriculture provided assistance in the form of two programs (Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 1 and 2) that provided direct assistance to the majority of Agricultural Producers.

This year was also a sad time for the Commission as we saw the loss of member Judy Gillan. Judy was a force in support of our small local producers and making fresh nutritious food available to everyone. She will be missed by all.

We welcome Jeff Pronovost as a new member of our commission and look forward to better times in 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Shattuck, Chairman
Tom Roberts, Member
Lori Carver, Secretary
Louise Butler, Member
Tom Hastings, Member
Tammy Ryan, Member

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

The Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) was formed in 2011 by the Board of Selectmen, who, prior to the inception of ACAB, was holding numerous hearings regarding domestic animal complaints and neighbor disputes within the community. As a result, the Board of Selectmen agreed it beneficial to form a separate board to hear and resolve matters that have escalated beyond the day to day functions of the Animal Control Officer.

The members of the ACAB comprise of residents with a wealth of knowledge and experience with domestic animals. All members currently are pet owners. Members include kennel operators, horse breeders, animal rescuers, and a member with a service animal. ACAB works closely with the Animal Control Officer in resolving matters of an escalated nature, and often, disputes between neighbors.
In 2020, ACAB did not have any hearings. All matters were successfully resolved by the Animal Control Officer and did not have to be brought before ACAB.

ACAB remains a stable and dedicated Board. We are looking forward to a successful 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Belchertown Animal Control Advisory Board

Nicole Miner, Chair
Jim Luippold, Secretary
Audrey Safford
Brian Breveleri
Carol Kasabian
Chrystal Greenleaf
Paul Kopulos

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

TOTAL ANIMALS IN: 114

- Animals Brought In via stray and owner surrender	Cats: 4	Dogs: 44	Chicken: 1
	Pigeon: 1	Turtle: 1	Guinea Hen: 1
- Animals Born in Shelter:	Cats: 20		
- Animals Transferred In:	Cats: 2	Dogs: 2	
- Animals Returned from Adoption:	Cats: 1	Dogs: 0	
- Animals Returned from Fostering:	Cats: 0	Dogs: 1	

TOTAL ANIMALS OUT: 121

- Animals Adopted:	Cats: 56	Dogs: 1
- Animals Dead on Arrival:	Cats: 1	Dogs: 1
- Animals Died in Shelter:	Cat: 1	
- Animals Euthanized:	Cats: 2	Dogs: 2
- Animals Returned to Owners:	Cats: 8	Dogs: 38
	Pigeon: 1	Chicken: 1
- Animals Transferred to Other Shelters:	Cat: 0	Dogs: 6
	Turtle: 1	Guinea Hen: 1

ANIMALS RETURNED TO FERAL COLONY: 1
ANIMALS AT BELCHERTOWN ANIMAL CONTROL AT THE END OF 2019: 3 Cats 1 Dog
ANIMALS AT BELCHERTOWN ANIMAL CONTROL AT THE END OF 2020: 1 Cat 1 Dog

*Any animal humanely euthanized was for life threatening illness or aggressive temperament.

Many more dogs were picked up for running at large but because of COVID and wearing tags they were immediately returned to owner rather than having to enter the shelter and are not on this count.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Fenton,
Animal Control Officer

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

At the municipal election in May, Thomas Barry was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Donald Minney and Raymond Goff remain members of the Board.

Although the costs associated with operating municipal government continue to rise; the Assessors Office works within the constraints of a "level serviced" budget to provide accurate and dependable assessment and financial data.

Important figures in establishing Belchertown's fiscal year 2020 municipal budget included:

FY20 Total Taxable Value	1,578,332,793
Town Meeting Appropriations	$55,860,091
Estimated Receipts/State Aid	$27,181,785
Tax Levy	$28,678,306
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	$28,735,818
FY20 New Growth	$429,675
FY20 Tax Rate	$18.17

The Board acted upon timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners.
The number of exemptions are as follows:

Elderly/Senior Citizen	13
Elderly/Widow	16
Disabled Veterans/surviving spouses (of disabled veterans)	171
Blind (certified by Commission of Blind)	0

The Board also reviewed and acted upon "Chapter" applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational or forestry uses. The Board continues to perform field reviews as needed.

The Assessors conducted a revaluation of all real and personal property in fiscal year 2020. The Assessors Office upgraded their appraisal system in order to better provide reliable valuations that meet mass appraisal standards. Due to improved market conditions, the town's overall property values increased. The Board is confident that all classes of property are valued according to the Commissioner of Revenue's certification standards.

Commercial activity continues to increase in town. Examples of new commercial development include a day care building at the former state school property and a convenience store/gas station on State Street. The staff continues to value new residential developments such as Hickory Hills off of George Hannum Road and Summer Hill condominiums along Daniel Shays Highway.

In accordance with Department of Revenue guidelines, the assessors are obligated to inspect each property every ten years. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the assessing staff did not perform the usual amount of cyclical inspections. The office recently started to re-inspect properties while following health care protocols and safety measures.

Although the town hall has been closed to the general public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the assessing staff continued to provide the citizens of Belchertown along with the general public timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors
Thomas Barry, Chair
Donald Minney
Raymond Goff

BELCHERTOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION (BCTV)

BCTV like all town departments was impacted by the COVID pandemic. We needed to change our operations significantly as in-person meetings and events were canceled. With the help of our IT personnel and Valley Communications, we quickly setup computer systems for virtual meetings and integrated them into our live TV broadcasts. This, then, required training for our console operators on the new set ups and new programs. We were able to do this in a matter of days, thank you to all involved.

In general the purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate Community Channels 191, 192, and 193 on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or taped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. What we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more local programming.

Channel 193 - BCTV Weather Station
The BCTV weather information program is broadcast on Charter channel 193 and displays the current weather conditions at the BCTV station. This service operates 24 hours a day with forecasts, storm and emergency warnings for the Pioneer Valley.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

Selectmen	Agriculture Commission	Planning Board
Board of Health	Conservation Commission	Annual Town Meeting
BEDIC	School Committee	Council on Aging
Special Town Meeting	Zoning Board of Appeals	

(Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, and others)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include: In a normal school year we would have covered the following events. COVID pandemic meant that this year most of them were not scheduled:

Most BHS Band Concerts	Most BHS Drama Presentations
Most CHCS Band Concerts	The BHS Annual Graduation Ceremony
Swift River and Chestnut Hill productions	

(Events not being covered include Soccer games, Football and Baseball games, Softball games, Hockey Games, Volleyball, Chess)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes: Again, the COVID pandemic meant most of the following events did not happen this year and were not covered by BCTV. Some events we would normally cover:

The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common	Carols on the Common
The Annual Belchertown Fair	The Annual Fair Parade
Food Truck Fridays	Some Holiday events
Veterans Day Ceremonies	Memorial Day Ceremonies

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

St. Francis Roman Catholic Church	Christ Community Church
Hope United Methodist Church	

Continuing Series:

Meditations with Lori Allen	Town Talk

Live shows:
And again, COVID pandemic curtailed most live events but we did cover the Annual and Special Town Meetings this year. The meetings divided the attendees into those who were comfortable inside the HS gym and those who were not seated outside on the HS tennis courts. BCTV assisted in the planning for setting up a live broadcast system in both locations so that inside and outside attendees could see, hear, and interact with each other during the meetings.

In addition, BCTV went live on BCTV Channel 191 and streamed the meetings live on Belchertownctv.viebit.com, our streaming channel.

Shows produced outside of Belchertown:
Your Right to Know (Fitchburg City Republican Committee); Conversations with Pakman; Strong Bones and Body (Easthampton CTV)

Accomplishment and Goals: BCTV's goal each year is to maintain and upgrade our existing facility and to get new volunteers trained and independently operating. It is our hope to cover as many community events as we can and then broadcast them as professionally as we can. Community events presented professionally make us a valuable asset in Belchertown.

This year we installed a permanent video/audio console in the newly renovated LMH auditorium. The new console should make it easier and quicker for our staff to setup and go live from that location.

As has been noted throughout this report, the pandemic changed how we operate on a day-to-day basis. Normal town meetings were now virtual town meetings. BCTV purchased/acquired through town resources computers with HDMI output that would interface with our video/audio equipment. Add in some converters and BCTV was able to broadcast live the virtual town meetings.

The town IT Department loaded the virtual meeting software onto the computers so that BCTV could "attend" the meetings. With some staff training on the use of the new systems and in less than a week we were back to "normal."

Gretchen Duhaime, a new volunteer, and a graphics artist offered to design a new logo for BCTV. Over several weeks in consultation with the Station Managers all parties agreed on this design.

BCTV does have a small but extremely dedicated staff. Below is the complete list of the folks who make up BCTV and many but not all of the shows they tape, edit, burn to DVDs, upload to Sprout for the citizens of Belchertown, along with some of their other contributions to BCTV:

- Brenda Aldrich – School Committee
- Pat Barry – BEDIC, Board of Health, upload shows to Sprout
- Dan Beaudette – ZBA, Selectmen, Council on Aging, Agricultural Commission
- Mary Ann Brennen – Planning Board, Annual Town Meeting, Special Town Meeting, & other events
- Keith Bettencourt – Conversations with Pakman
- Louise Christ – BCTV Scheduler, St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, Concerts on the Common
- Gretchen Duhaime – BCTV graphics, web page, downloads Curious Giraffe (with the help of her son)
- Audrey LePage – BCTV Bulletin Board
- Shawn Lindholm – All School Activities at BHS, JBMS, and Crocker Farm
- Frank Lomanno – BCTV IT Manager, All live BCTV shows, Conservation Commission
- Bryan Maroney – IT support

BCTV is always in need of volunteers. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months, and skills we do not possess that we could use.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Louraine, Station Manager
Peg Louraine, Operations Manager

BELCHERTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1982. The Board of Selectmen appoints seven members with staggered, three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs. During 2012 BEDIC overcame many long-term obstacles that were blocking the development of the site: solving the indemnification issues with the Division of Capital Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) with help from our legislators and MassDevelopment, our Master Developer for the site. During 2014 the Governor signed the release of a key additional parcel to the BEDIC that was transferred in early 2015.

MassDevelopment continues to develop the conceptual plan for the site with BEDIC, Town Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Town Administrator. The site has been named Carriage Grove. The main road, named Carriage Drive, was completed in November and opened to the public by BEDIC in December. The 2,000 foot road, enabled by a State awarded $3,000,000 Mass Works grant, also is fully complete with imbedded infrastructure for new development projects. The road was presented to the Town for acceptance in 2020. The Belchertown Day School also completed construction and opened in September 2020.

Through MassDevelopment, BEDIC has spent almost $5.5-million in State funds to date for remediation and demolition of twenty structures totaling around 280,000 sq. ft. including all the cottages, the large School Building, Dorm G, the infirmary, the hospital and several industrial buildings During the past year demolition was completed on Buildings 7, 17, 19 & 20 and associated tunnels along with tunnels on the west side of Carriage Drive. All buildings were down at year-end and site work and restoration will be completed in Spring of 2021. Approximately 75% of the buildings to be demolished on the main campus are now removed.

MassDevelopment received awards from the US Economic Development Administration and Commonwealth Site Readiness program for the construction of an industrial area access road, which will start in 2021.

BEDIC and MassDevelopment worked with the Planning Board, the Belchertown Historical and Conservation Commissions, Town groups and the State to collaborate on plans for memorializing the history of the site and providing access for the public through a trails network. This work continues.

Directors:
William Terry, Chairman
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
Jonathan Spiegel, At Large Seat
Bob Rivard, Industrial Seat
Beth Maroney, Financial Seat
Richard Kump, Real Estate Seat

BOAT – BELCHERTOWN OVERCOMING ADDICTION TOGETHER

BOAT continued its work in bringing awareness and prevention of substance misuse, along with support and resources for those touched by the effects of addiction to the community.

Preliminary information for 2020 suggests an increase in overdose calls, with a reduction in the number of deaths from those calls. Tracking for substance-related calls was amended to include those calls whose primary purpose was not directly for substance concerns. The catalyst for the primary call was found to be related to substance use. With that, the number of recorded DART calls was markedly higher. Four Belchertown fatalities appear to have been, at least in part, attributed to substance use. Although overall statistics show improvement, work surrounding drug use prevention, education, and harm reduction continue to be vital.

The committee continued to collaborate with Hampshire Hope to build community with area initiatives with the Hampshire County. BOAT also partnered with the Belchertown Public Schools to apply for a Federal Drug Free Communities Grant to locally support youth addiction prevention programming. In December we learned that Belchertown had been awarded that grant, which will have a 5-year duration with a possibility of an additional 5-year extension. We are pleased that the Belchertown schools will expand their proactive approach to prevention, and we look forward to supporting them in this important work.

Throughout the year, BOAT has used its Facebook page to share vital information with the community, including local events and trainings, support meeting information, harm reduction education, brochures and videos outlining ways to reduce the risk of COVID-19 for those using drugs, and community resource information. The Massachusetts Daily Detox Bed List is shared several times each week, containing names, addresses, and phone numbers of state detox facilities in order to provide easy access to information on those resources. BOAT hosted free, socially distanced drive-through Naloxone distribution events throughout the summer and fall. Additionally, in September, BOAT held a vigil to honor those lost to addiction and celebrate those in recovery.

We want to take this time to acknowledge the service and support of one member of BOAT, who completed her time with us during 2020. Carrie Latulippe served on BOAT for the duration of her time with the Town as a Public Health Nurse. Her energy and enthusiasm will be missed, and we thank her for her service.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Panto, Chairperson
BOAT

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2020 began normally enough. The town's kindergartners continued to spark smiles when they appeared for their twice-a-month visits. Patrons arrived to learn how to download an e-book, read a newspaper, make a photocopy, check out books, or magazines or dvds, a telescope or a mobile hotspot, attend a book discussion group, use a computer, or enjoy a story hour. Belchertown High School students were treated to extended study hours during mid-term exams along with the offer of a study skills workshop. The Clapp's knitting group, The Woolies, provided the prizes for our Annual International Hat Day Celebration. Twelve lucky folks won the hand-knit hat of their choice. Parents visited to learn about healthy eating choices for picky eaters and the young ones came to sing along with Elsa and Anna of *Frozen* fame. And if you were a youngster who wanted to read to a corgi (dog), you might have gotten a chance! And then…

March rolled in and with it came the slam of coronavirus 2019. The entire state entered lockdown. The Library was no exception. Staff regrouped and began the complicated process of continuing as many regular library services as possible while working from home, and even adding or expanding services. The transition to virtual programming was a steep learning experience for all. Story hours, numerous children's programs, book discussion groups, and teen events all took place online. Technical assistance, which was in great demand by our patrons, was handled remotely. 1,264 tech assistance sessions occurred between March and December 31! Library services continued to the fullest extent possible during the building closure.

A Reopening Plan was devised, including a procedure and schedule for curbside delivery to begin once the Library received clearance to "re-open" on a limited basis. While the building remained closed to the public, phone assistance and contact-free delivery of library materials was offered to the public. Considerable time was spent writing the reopening plan, a fluid document which was revised as needed in response to changing circumstances. Numerous protective measures were put in place for the safety of staff and patrons alike. Plexiglass shields were installed around the circulation desk. Directional signage was created. Furniture was largely removed and placed in quarantine. PPE and cleaning supplies were procured, despite widespread shortages. Staff was divided into two teams of three, working alternate days in an effort to reduce quarantine-related closings due to any potential COVID outbreak. State checklists were completed to ensure compliance with health and safety regulations.

Borrowing restrictions for the Hoopla streaming service were loosened to allow patrons greater opportunities to borrow digital content. Spending on digital titles was significantly increased to magnify safe borrowing options during the pandemic. A number of free digital collections were temporarily made available to libraries, and these were highlighted and promoted to our users along with our digital collections and online databases. A list of "Stay at Home Resources" with links to varied free online educational, cultural, and entertainment resources was compiled. Those links remain on the Library website.

On June 8, 2020, curbside service by appointment began. New modes of delivering services and staying engaged with patrons were devised. The book drop was open 24/7, with all returned materials being quarantined before returning to circulation. New cleaning and disinfecting protocols were implemented. All in-person programs were cancelled. Social media engagement was rapidly accelerated and was employed to share information and vital resources related to COVID 19 with our users.

A new science fiction book discussion group premiered during the lockdown period, and continues to attract new readers. The Birds of the World database was introduced in the spring, just in time to introduce birders to a comprehensive multimedia resource dedicated to over 10,000 species of birds.

In addition to virtual meetings of the two adult book discussion groups and the Cookbook Club, there were well-attended sessions of the popular online game, Among Us. Teens were treated to Write Nights, Teen Game Night, Virtual Pictionary, a scavenger hunt, craft programs, a Bad Art session, Teen Advisory Board meetings, and a teen focus group to zero in on the special needs and interests of this age group. Children were presented with a smorgasbord of online options with weekly music programs, storytellers, special musical events, take home STEM bags and winter craft bags, puppet shows, Magic Camp, a Rolie Polie Guacamole concert, April vacation Creative Camp, the Teddy Bear Ball, parent/child book discussions, and other opportunities too numerous to name.

Summer Reading went virtual to the tune of *Imagine Your Story*. 300 children, 50 teens, and 87 adults participated. Staff ingenuity ensured that the show would go on, even without in-person events. As in years past, Belchertown artist Scott Fisher created an enchanting, original design for the t-shirts that were mailed to the home of each child who completed the program.

Spirit Day presented an opportunity for all ages to show some Belchertown Spirit on Library social media platforms. Local businesses were also encouraged to participate in the accompanying Favorite Book Day, Sports Day, Super Hero Day, Wacky Wednesday, Hat Day and Belchertown Together Day.

The Library was fortunate to be the recipient of a $5000 MassHumanities CARES Grant to help offset any loss of funding due to coronavirus. This funding was crucial in a year when COVID prevented the Friends of the Library from holding their much-anticipated spring and fall book sales. The Friends are optimistically looking forward to the time when they can resume their extraordinarily popular twice-yearly sales.

The Library was pleased to partner with the Hampden Hampshire Conservation District to highlight DIY home projects to promote climate awareness and responsibility. All resources were available on the library's website throughout most of the year.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a simple challenge that seeks to establish strong early literacy skills in children by promoting reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers. 98 children enrolled in the program at the Clapp Memorial Library, with the goal of reading 1000 books before entering kindergarten.

The Library promoted the "Read Woke" challenge which encourages readers to discover diverse books for all ages by reading titles that challenge social norms, give voice to the voiceless, focus on a disenfranchised group, challenge the status quo, or feature protagonists from underrepresented or oppressed groups. 234 readers participated, with 168 of those being children sixth grade and under, reading a total of 2,856 books.

Prior to the shutdown, the Library undertook improvements to the downstairs Activity Room and adjoining areas. With funding provided by the Friends of the Library, interior walls were repaired and painted, new furniture was purchased, and a hanging system for the display of artwork was added. Local artist Theresa Fisher further brightened the space by updating the large support pillars in the space with engaging painted design. Many thanks go to Theresa for her contribution and to the Friends for making the improvements possible.

The Library houses 24,795 books, 6549 dvds, 2,073 audio books, 2,380 music CDs, and 50 magazine subscriptions. The Overdrive Digital Catalog provides access to downloadable content: 106,000 e-books, 27,204 audio books, and 3,000 digital magazine subscriptions.

In Fiscal Year 2020, the Library circulated 77,430 items, a decrease over previous years due to the coronavirus closing, and borrowed 10,189 items from CWMARS consortium libraries to meet the needs of our 7,340 card holders. Usage of our electronic collections (various subscription databases) garnered 10,183 uses.

We are very grateful to our community members for their patience and support during an exceptionally difficult time.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila McCormick
Library Director

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Now in its successful 14th year, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to review project applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and make recommendations to the Town of Belchertown. These recommendations for funding are then voted on and approved at Town Meeting.

The CPA is a state tool designed to help individual towns and cities preserve and enhance their community. Belchertown voters approved CPA participation at Town Meeting on May 16, 2005. Every year 10% of the CPA funds must be allocated to each of three categories: open space, historic preservation and community housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories including creation of recreational facilities or rehabilitating existing ones.

Under the CPA, the state-match funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge of 1.5% averages $35 per household/year. This year the state provided a 23.92% match. The CPA surcharge for FY 2020 was $271,473.00 and the state match was $77,713.00. However, since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown have greatly multiplied the town's own contributions. Over the last 14 years, there has been a total of $1,204,179 spent on the preservation of open space; $366,000 on the creation of new affordable housing opportunities; $975,341 on the creation and rehabilitation of recreational areas; and $1,240,209 on the preservation of historic features; all tallying $3,785,729. Leveraged funding has totaled $20,293,447, so the Town has benefited from a total of $24,079,176 in projects.

The 2020 Annual Town Meeting approved six CPA projects with a total appropriation of $458,225. These projects include:

--Acquisition of Dubois Forest
--Disc Golf at Constantino Field
--Gravestone restoration at Mt. Hope Cemetery
--Tri-Lakes water management analysis
--Renovation of 6 Berkshire Ave.
--Lake Wallace Carriage Grove Trail - Phase 1

The CPC is committed to an open public process that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving on the 9-member commission for the past year include:

At-Large, James Natle, Chairman
At-Large, Megan Manitsas
Historic Commission, Alex Loss
Planning Board, Mike Hofler
Conservation Commission, David Lamb
At-Large, Linda Leduc, Vice-Chair
At-Large, Wilbur Quirk
Recreation Commission, Steven Corbin
Housing Authority, Nancy Delgado Bachman
Select Board Liaison, Jen Turner

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held twenty five (25) new hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act: ten (10) Requests for Determination; nine (9) Notices of Intent; and three (3) Extension Permits for Orders of Conditions; eight (8) Certificates of Compliance; and ten (10) Partial Certificates of Compliance. The Commission issued thirteen (13) Emergency Certificates for the protection of public health and safety; the majority of the emergencies were to remediate flooding impacts as a result of beaver activity or the removal of overhanging damaged trees. Additionally, the Commission issued ten (10) Enforcement Orders.

The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plan for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company, National Grid and the New England Central Railroad Company. The Commission also instituted a new policy to review new building permit requests in order to ensure and clarify Conservation's jurisdiction in regards to development around resource areas.

The Conservation Commission Administrator, under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, is the Stormwater Authority for the Town. The Stormwater Authority is responsible for the permitting process for the Belchertown Stormwater Bylaw and regulations, as well as any associated compliance and enforcement efforts. For the year 2020, there were thirty five (35) applications submitted for review. These regulations serve to protect public health, environment, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment. In its capacity as the Stormwater Authority, and in conjunction with the Stormwater Committee, the Commission has been working to achieve compliance with the Town's MS4 permit through several efforts, such as: participating in a region-wide association of other Pioneer Valley towns to achieve public outreach requirements, assisting in developing potential stormwater programs through a 604B grant, coordinating with consultants to document existing outfalls and flooding concerns, and planning for increased housekeeping practices like street sweeping. In order to pay for the MS4 permit, the Stormwater Committee with the help of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, has created a Stormwater Utility based on how much impervious cover is located on their property, spearheaded by the Conservation Department and the Department of Public Works.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year including housing lots, subdivisions currently under construction, ANR lots and Stormwater site visits. In addition, the Commission has dealt with several outstanding enforcement issues and has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission continues to

work with various Town departments for the Belchertown State School redevelopment project. The Commission is also working with the Recreation Department to consider what town-owned land would be best for a Frisbee golf course.

The Commission continues to work actively with the Tri-lakes Association and the Belchertown Lake Committee. The purpose of this relationship is to addresses the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals for Belchertown's Lacustrine habitats. Monitoring water quality, vegetation and nutrient content is a necessity in assessing the overall health for all three Lakes. The Conservation Commission, the Belchertown Lake Committee, Tri-Lakes Association and DPW are currently all working together to address the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet the water quality and other agreed-upon goals for these lakes.

The Commission has been continuing to prioritize management of the Town's open space lands. With our partners at Kestrel Land Trust, the Commission has worked to preserve and improve the town's conservation areas. Several grants have been applied for or are still being applied for, such as the Massachusetts Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, the Local Acquisition of Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant, Shared Streets Grants, and several more. These grants will help us preserve and improve natural areas around town, such as the Town Beach and the Jabish Brook Conservation Area. These, in conjunction with Kestrel Land Trust's continued monitoring of the Town's Conservation Restrictions, provides a framework of the Town's conservation land to build off of and which will allow future land management goals to take shape.

In 2020 the Conservation Commission actively pursued grants and additional funding in attempts to conserve and restore more land throughout town. Through the MassTrails grant we were able to provide additions to the Rail Trail, a scenic greenway alongside the abandoned existing railroad which begins near Town Beach and passes by the redeveloped Belchertown State School Property, Carriage Grove; the recently funded Lake Wallace Sensory Trail; as well as other popular conservation areas. This trail will also connect to several other rail trails including the Mass Central Rail Trail. The Shared Streets grant provided us with the opportunity and funding to improve the street crossing of the rail trail with N. Washington Street. More work needs to be done before the rail trail is complete, and the Commission is already in the process of applying to the FY 2021 MassTrails grant program, as well as several other grant programs to preserve, restore, or repurpose areas around town for the use and enjoyment of everyone.

The Conservation Commission regrettably accepted the resignation of Heather McCann this year. The Commission has appointed Cameron Covill as the Conservation Secretary and Heather McCann as the Assistant Conservation Administrator and Stormwater Coordinator. The Commission has worked to polish its internship program by coordinating with local schools to develop listings and funding sources. Applicants for the 2021 summer season internship program have already been received. Work studies and internships are also being looked into and set up for the academic year by partnering with local colleges and universities.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2021 and feels confident that the environment is favorable within the local community to protect and maintain valuable resource areas and open space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies, private individuals and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted;
David Haines, Chairman
Jon Clements, Vice-Chairman
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Sabrina Moreau, Commissioner
David Lamb, Commissioner
Douglas Beach, Commissioner
Erica N. Cross, Conservation Administrator
Heather McCann, Asst. Conservation Admin.
Cameron Covill, Conservation Secretary

COUNCIL ON AGING

The year 2020 has been unlike any other year the Belchertown Senior Center has experienced. With the global pandemic COVID-19, the Center was closed to the public in March and currently remains closed. The Center needed to reinvent ways to continue to provide essential services, all while keeping seniors and staff safe.

The Council on Aging is committed to enhancing the lives of older adults, age 60 and over through services, programs and activities that educate, assist and advocate on their behalf.

The Council on Aging remains focused on the goal of meeting the needs of Belchertown's older adults and continues to collaborate with various local agencies to provide information and referrals to Belchertown's growing senior population.

The Council on Aging continues to supplement the town budget with alternate funding from the Formula Grant, Federal Title IIIC, and Title IIIB. Funding from the Older Americans Act via the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs and the Administration for Community Living, also assists in supplementation. Additionally, funding is received from Belchertown Cultural Council grants. The Belchertown Cultural Council is a local agency supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.

Identifying and meeting the health needs of Belchertown's elder community continues to be a priority. Pre-COVID-19, wellness offerings included on site foot care provided by a registered foot care nurse, a hearing clinic offered by Wing Audiology and monthly blood pressure screenings conducted by Belchertown's public health nurse. Tai Chi, Healthy Bones and Balance, Yoga, Zumba and Active Aging Fitness classes were offered through the Council on Aging weekly. During COVID-19, foot care has been conducted with Board of Health approval, and safety procedures in place. An onsite flu clinic was also approved and offered in 2020. Exercise and wellness classes are held using the virtual platform ZOOM.

Meeting the nutritional needs of Belchertown's senior community is accomplished through the daily Senior Lunch Program (in person dining closed in March), Meals on Wheels/Home Delivered Meals program, which has grown over 40% during the pandemic, the monthly Brown Bag Program and Mobile Food Pantry. There are also daily donations of bread available in our newly created outside community pantry to all those who visit the Senior Center. During the summer the Senior Center delivered bags of fresh produce to seniors, and since then numerous offerings of protein boxes, all compliments of WestMass ElderCare. Entire turkey dinners were also handed out thanks to a very generous donation from a local business.

Recognizing the need for a strong social network, the Council on Aging typically offers weekly card games, craft classes, Wii Bowling, a quilting group, a veterans' group as well as monthly movies. Unfortunately, due to the Center being closed, these activities have not taken place in person since March. In order to bring as much joy as possible, and any sense of the familiar and normal celebratory functions during these unprecedented times, the Center held many reverse parades in 2020.

These included volunteer appreciation, a 90th birthday party, Halloween, "Say Hi!" and hot chocolate/cookie/sanitizer giveaway with Christopher Heights Assisted Living.

The Center was a recipient of a CARES Mini Grant that allows for the purchase of iPads to help combat social isolation by helping folks stay in touch virtually with their friends and loved ones.

One of the most valuable services that the Senior Center has to offer the senior population of Belchertown is its transportation program which was closed in March but was able to reopen in July with multiple safety precautions in place. Precautions include, but aren't limited to, vans being disinfected before and after each client, only one client allowed on the van at a time, socially distanced seating from the driver and masks worn at all times by driver and rider.

The Center also runs a grant funded Medical Transportation Program which enables our seniors to travel outside of Belchertown for medical appointments. A companion picks the senior up at home, drives him or her to the appointment, waits during the appointment and then drives the senior back home. Knowing that there is someone there to offer support really puts the client's mind at ease. This service is currently being offered on the Senior Center van rather than the usual private companion vehicle.

The Social Services/Outreach Program is available to all residents of Belchertown. Whether a resident needs referrals for him/herself or a family member, or is seeking help with federal and state benefit applications, the Outreach Program can help. The Senior Center is fortunate that the program's Coordinator is a S.H.I.N.E (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor. She is trained and certified by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and is knowledgeable in many health insurance plans, including Medicare Part A, Part B, and Part D; Medigap insurance, Medicare HMOs, retiree insurance plans, prescription drug programs, Medicaid, Medicare assistance programs and other programs for people with limited resources. Ordinarily, our staff is able to make home visits any time during the year, but currently provide phone consults to Belchertown residents. This is especially helpful during the Medicare Open Enrollment period each year.

The Council on Aging's monthly newsletter is mailed to Belchertown and out of town residents. It can also be viewed online or subscribed to and received via email. The Newsletter informs readers of the planned events, classes, meals and the diverse activities that the Center is offering.

The Council on Aging Executive Board of Directors, comprised of seven dedicated volunteers, lends support to the Council on Aging staff. The Council on Aging Board members are:

Robert Farrington-Chair	Donna Bozoglos-Vice Chair	Maura Guzik-Secretary
John Belding	James Dowling	Colleen DuroShea
	Diane Plante	

The volunteers of the Council on Aging continue to be our most valuable asset. This dedicated group can typically be found helping in the kitchen, teaching classes or putting together the Brown Bags. In total they donated over 2,400 hours of free time to the Belchertown Senior Center in 2020. Since they have not been able to volunteer in person since March, volunteers currently create items to sell to benefit the fundraising group, and make friendly calls to others while staying safer at home.

The Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Association, Inc., under the direction of President Ann Hess sponsored numerous items to aid in the physical and social wellbeing of Belchertown residents, including purchasing toilet paper, gift cards, and essential supplies. Their fund raising efforts and financial support of the Senior Center directly impacts the available programing, activities and events.

The Council on Aging provides many vital services to Belchertown residents. Each and every contact is registered as a unit of service and recorded for state and local funding purposes. Listed below is a sample of the key services provided from January 2020-November 2020 (Center closed to the public in March).

Activities & Educational Programs:	1098	Health and Wellness Clinics:	1092
Meals Served *(closed in March):*	1,669	Home Delivered Meals:	24,872
Brown Bag/Mobile Food Pantry:	1,108	Outreach and SHINE Programs:	687
Transportation Services (Closed March-July):	638		

The hard-working staff at the Council on Aging remains dedicated in their mission to provide excellent service to the senior population.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Langlois,
Executive Director

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Belchertown Cultural Council ("BCC"), a local agency funded in part by Mass Cultural Council ("MCC"), a state agency, manages the Local Cultural Council Grants ("LCC Grants") program for Belchertown and organizes cultural programming for our community.

LCC Grants: BCC's state allocation from Mass Cultural Council for 2020 was $8,600, a 32% increase over 2019. We received 39 applications totaling $30,701 and awarded 18 grants totaling $9,700 ($8,600 current year and $1,100 rollover from prior year unused funds). The following programs were funded:

Applicant	Program	Grant Award
Ezekiel Baskin	Songs of Sea and Space Series*	$1,000.00
David Hyde Costello	Author/Illustrator-in-residence	$1,000.00
Attack Bear Press	Art Week Project*	$1,000.00
Belchertown Community Band	Community Band Concerts**	$850.00
SOAAR	SOAAR 5K & Music Festival**	$600.00
Debra Lapointe	Master Gardener pollinator display at School Gardens*	$600.00
CHCS PTO	Mad Science Night*	$500.00
David Neill	Premier Swing Band Music Concerts*	$500.00
Belchertown Council on Aging	Dan Kane and Friends*	$500.00
Belchertown Council on Aging	A Ray of Elvis*	$500.00
Clapp Memorial Library	Rolie Polie Guacamole concert	$500.00
BHS Writing Club	Literary Journal	$416.00
Richard Goldin	Children's Concert at CML	$400.00
BHS Art Society	A Brighter Future*	$360.00
Little River Farm	Food Truck Friday*	$300.00
Gregory Maichack	Pastel Paint Georgia O'Keeffe**	$299.00
Sypek Brothers Band	Food Truck Friday	$250.00
Dorothy Cresswell	Curious Songs for Curious Kids*	$125.00

**Program deferred to 2021 due to COVID-19; **Grant funded as remediation payment for lost income due to COVID-19, per MCC guidelines*

The COVID-19 pandemic had a very large negative impact on the cultural sector, and our programs were not spared. Only five programs were able to take place (in modified fashion), with 10 programs deferred to 2021, and 3 grants paid out as remediation for the artist's lost income due to COVID-19 (per MCC guidelines).

Local Programming: The safety of our community was top of mind during the pandemic, and we recognized the need for the community to connect through cultural experiences in the safest way possible. We greatly modified our three flagship events, ArtWeek, Food Truck Fridays, and Winter Light Night, and added virtual programs.

ArtWeek: Produced by Boch Center and presented by Highland Street Foundation, ArtWeek is a statewide creative festival for all. Belchertown participated in Virtual Art Week, hosting a Mother's Day cabaret and cake decorating workshop virtually.

Food Truck Fridays: Food Truck Fridays became Food Truck To-Go with one food truck serving takeout from the town common parking lot on August 6 & 20, September 3, and October 1 & 29. Our community was able to enjoy cuisine that is not regularly available in Belchertown. We streamed and hosted watch parties for online concerts from local bands and up-and-coming artists worldwide.

Winter Light Night: To commemorate Small Business Saturday and the start of the holiday season, Winter Light Night is a time to "light up" the community. With the support of the DPW and BCTV, we broadcast the tree lighting on Facebook Live and on BCTV. We also provided family programming including our annual Gingerbread House contest (virtual), sponsored by Atkins Farms, a town-wide scavenger hunt (socially distanced), and a virtual Artisan Fair featuring items made in Belchertown.

Virtual Programming: Recognizing the need for engagement and connection, we provided weekly themed virtual programming through social media in April and May. The themes were upcycling, shop local, breads, sweets, music, gardens, birds, and outside. Our Google Map of essential businesses and Bird Bingo were two community favorites.

Community Partnerships: We partnered with Belchertown Recreation on Drive-In Movie Nights in the summer and fall. Belchertown Justice Collaborative ("BJC"), a youth-led initiative, joined as a co-sponsor as well. We also supported BJC with a vigil they organized to honor Black victims of police brutality and to recognize the affect of racism on our community.

This has been a year with unique challenges and difficulties, and we are hopeful that we have made a positive impact. The Belchertown Cultural Council is very grateful for our volunteers, municipal support, community partners, and local business partners, and everyone who participates in BCC programs throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Anderson, Co-Chair
Nicole Carlson, Secretary
Gretchen Duhaime
Jocelyn Walker
Melissa Mann, Co-Chair and Treasurer
Candace Clement
Trista Hevey
Jennifer Whitehead

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During 2020 there were not any incidents that extended beyond the resource capabilities of our regularly trained workforce. However the town along with several departments were tested heavily on three different occasions during the Spring and early Summer with heavy rain and wind storms that closed off roadways and resulted in numerous and extended power outages throughout the town.

During the early half of the year, in March the town along with the entire World experienced the Corona virus/COVID-19 Flu pandemic that would put restrictions on travel and every day normal life that one could never think possible this day and age with all our advances in knowledge and technology. Our local Board of Health, along with our dedicated first responders, took lead roles and responsibility moving forward with great strides and achievements working through the many challenges and changes that it faced. The Towns general government staffs at Town Hall and the Selectmen's Office also played essential roles to make sure logistics and resources were acquired as needed each and every day without delay.

The Town's CTY instant notification system continues to provide general notification to the public about public safety events unfolding in real time.

The Office of Emergency Management continuously reviews the Town's Emergency Preparedness Plan which focuses on natural and technological hazards.

Committee members continue to maintain a partnership of emergency preparedness with our county neighbors, along with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the direction of Homeland Security. Town leaders secured several funding Grants this year to offset COVID-19 expenses.

As we roll into 2021, we are still dealing with COVID-19, and normal life as we knew it, still is not projected to return to normal living until late summer 2021.

Your town officials are dedicated and continue to prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock,
Emergency Management Director

FAIR AND PARADE COMMITTEE

Belchertown didn't get to celebrate its 163rd annual fair and parade scheduled for September due to COVID-19. Social distancing would make it difficult to achieve with the amusements and large number of people. The health of everyone involved was a factor in our decision to cancel.

Canceling the fair made many of the committee members wanting to do something fair week. On the Wednesday of the fair, we would give lunch to the DPW workers for all of the help they give us. With tables spaced apart with chairs and decorations. Different large and party size pizzas, soft drinks, and plates of cookies. Everyone had a nice lunch.

Due to a fallen tree, damage was caused to the fair shed. Puncture holes on both sides of the roof and damage to the gutter system. The holes were temporarily repaired and were fixed in the spring.

The 2021 Belchertown Fair will be scheduled on September 24, 25, and 26. The decision was made to keep the theme "Flock to the Fair" and the number 163rd. This year is an unprecedented year for many events across the state and we hope people will be able to "flock to the fair" this coming year.

The Fair Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire Departments, EMS, Department of Public Works, Town Hall, and Town Hall administration staff for all of their help. I also want to thank the Committee members and our volunteers for all they do.

Looking forward to next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nute, Chair
Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee

BELCHERTOWN FAMILY CENTER

The Belchertown Family Center is located at 51 State St. and opens Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 12:30. The BFC is a community service that is funded by Collaborative for Educational Services, the Town of Belchertown, and with the generous support of the community. The center is a resource for families with children ages infant to five years old and is committed to providing the community with early childhood enrichment in a safe environment that allows children to develop socially, emotionally, developmentally and physically through enrichment activities and play. The Belchertown Family Center supports teaching and modeling appropriate parenting skills and offers resources for developmental skills and community outreach services, such as Valley Families and WIC. We offer playgroups, where children can work on gross and fine motor skills. In addition, we foster pretend play, arts and crafts projects, music activities and pre math and pre reading activities that are research based. All activities are geared toward a smooth transition into preschool and Kindergarten. In addition to these services, the Family Center also collaborates with WIC and Community Action to offer assistance and community resources to families in need. The center also provides resources for families of young children who are

new to the area. Through our relationship with Collaborative for Educational Services, the center is able to provide a full group of resources and programs to benefit young children as well. We also provide caregivers with opportunities to meet and socialize with other families, creating dialog and networking to strengthen community.

This year has been a difficult one for the BFC, as we have continued to navigate the new reality of COVID 19. The BFC continues to move forward with socially distant outdoor playgroups on Tuesdays, as well as online story times, done through Zoom. The center also offers socially distant parent cafes and video stories as well. With the help of the Collaborative for Educational Services, the center also offers online parent workshops, such as Baby Sign Language, Grandparenting during COVID, Stress Relief for Preschoolers and Bilingual Story Times.

For more information, please contact the Director, Lori Allen, at 413-835-5201 or visit our Facebook page.

FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Fire – Rescue Department is a combination of the Town's fire and emergency medical ambulance services and our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through the efforts of eighteen full-time staff, one part-time, and thirty-five call/volunteer firefighters in addition to the great-continued support we receive from the generous businesses, and the great citizens of Belchertown.

Each year brings challenges with funding as our community grows and takes change; however, town meeting continues to support our requests to maintain the level of the service we provide. This year the department expanded its full-time staff with two positions, and promoted four existing firefighters to the rank of Captain. This is in addition to our compliment of very dedicated Call/Volunteer firefighters.

This March the town along with the entire World experienced the Corona virus/COVID-19 Flu pandemic that would put restrictions on travel and every day normal life. Our dedicated first responders, took lead roles moving forward with great strides and achievements working through challenges and changes that were encounter. Since one of our primary tasks is to transport sick people to the hospital, our own staff would have its challenges to refrain from catching the virus, even with all the proper precautions in place, some still caught the virus and others were accidentally exposed to COVID-19 that lead to long term quarantines, and in several cases, off site housing accommodations were required to protect domestic family members. All this would cause numerous staffing issues to provide uninterrupted ambulance service; however the department continued the best Fire Protection, and Pre-Hospital Paramedic level care possible.

Overall our response to fire related 911 calls is continuing to increase. With COVID-19, many residents remained and worked from home and the requests for permits show fire prevention activities were much higher than previous years, and home sales had increased higher and faster than any time prior to the last twenty years. The ambulance responded to 1640emergency 911calls, and were requested to aid a neighboring community 49 times. Our ambulance requested aid from another community 110 times when one or both of ours were already dealing with a 911 emergencies.

As the department continues to request funding to plan towards the future, it is time to expand our fire department headquarters with live in accommodations now that full-time employees are on duty around the clock. In addition, more full-time personnel are still needed to handle the ongoing increase of ambulance calls as the community once again is in development stages. I continue to advocate for the purchase of a platform aerial device, and know there is a need for our current radio/communication system to be updated. Those two items alone are projected at several million dollars as Belchertown continues to grow and be a more active community.

The members continue countless hours of State-mandated and bi-weekly training to provide the best services capable.

In closing I would like to thank all the firefighters of the department for their continued support and dedication to serve. I would also thank their families for the support they have shown throughout the year of COVID-19. I know this year, more than most, many sacrifices were made and without the family support, it would be very difficult to operate this department. The citizens of Belchertown should be proud that dedicated, qualified, and professional people take an active role in serving their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock,
Fire Chief

Types of Responses 2020	
Structure Fires	09
Ambulance Responses	1640
Vehicle Fires	08
Vehicle Extrication	05
Wildland Fires	20
CO Alarms	46
Hazardous Spills	37
Faulty Appliance	02
Sounding Alarms	134
Investigations	161
Mutual Aid	03
Total	**2065**

Inspections and Permits	
Open Burning	1666
Smoke Detector	265
Oil Burner	57
Propane Storage	105
Underground Tank Removal	02
Fuel Storage	04
Blasting	05
Total	**2104**

BOARD OF HEALTH AND QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

Board of Health Permit/License Activity Report

One duty of the Board of Health Clerk is to advise applicants on requirements for permitting or licensure by obtaining the necessary information on a completed application, record-keeping, collect fees, and issue licenses or permits to applicants who qualify as determined by the pertinent inspector.

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2020.

Private Drinking Well Permits:	32 (31 New Construction, 1 Replacements)
Septic Permits:	76 (33 New Construction, 43 Repairs)
Perc Test Applications:	110 (71 New Construction, 39 Repairs)

Bakery	3	Housing Inspection Voucher	0	Public Spa Permit	0
Body Artist Establishment	0	Limited Food Establishment	9	Residential Kitchen Permits	4
Body Artist	0	Milk & Cream Licenses	39	Retail Food Permits	9
Catering	2	Mobil Food Permits	4	Septic Hauler's Permits	9
Day Camp Permit	0	Mobil Home License	1	Septic Installer's Permits	23
Ecology Can Permits	1	Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/		Tanning Unit Permits	1
Food Establish. Permits	31	Furnaces Variance Permits	0	Temporary Food Permits	2
Frozen Dessert License	2	Piggery License	2	Tobacco Retail Permits	10
Funeral Director License	1	Public Pool Permit	1	Food/Retail Review	1

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk - Quabbin Health District

Town of Belchertown
2020 Communicable Disease Report

The following reportable diseases were reported to the Belchertown Board of Health Office as confirmed or suspect in 2020:

Disease	Number of Cases
Babesiosis	3
Ehrlichiosis	3
Giardiasis	1
Group A streptococcus	2
Hepatitis B	1
Hepatitis C	8
Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis	7
Influenza	109
Lyme Disease	62
Novel Coronavirus	356 Confirmed
Novel Coronavirus	319 Contacts
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	3
Salmonellosis	1
Tuberculosis	4
Varicella	1
Vibrio sp.	1

Both suspect and confirmed cases of certain communicable diseases are reportable to the Board of Health. The cases listed above are those which have been received and investigated by the Board of Health office to the best of our ability. A computerized surveillance and case management system for use state-wide, the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, enables secure, real-time sharing of information between diagnostic laboratories, clinicians and state and local health officials.

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals as well as the school nursing staff. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion.

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

Animal Inspector

Under the general supervision of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector is responsible for the annual census and inspection of premises on which there are domestic livestock. The Animal Inspector visits barns and other facilities on which there are cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats, sheep and horses, as well as poultry, mink, foxes, donkeys, mules, deer, buffalo, llamas, ostriches and other animals which are currently being raised and/or maintained in the town. In addition to conducting a census of livestock in town, the Animal Inspector inspects the premises where the animals are kept to ensure they have adequate access to food, water, and shelter from weather, light and ventilation.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 census was suspended. Instead, the MDAR/ Division of Animal Health provided guidance for municipal inspectors to focus on essential services such as animal quarantines and reports of livestock with insufficient food, water or shelter.

The Animal Inspector issues animal disease quarantines in the case of a report of disease or animal bite; and issues and distributes quarantine notices. In 2020, the following reports of bites or exposures of domestic animals to a potentially rabid or unknown cause of a wound were filed with the Belchertown Board of Health office:

- Dog bites 7
- Cat bites 0
- Raccoon 1
- Exposure to wildlife or wound of unknown cause: 12
- 1 dog and 1 raccoon, were tested at the State Laboratory for rabies.
- The dog tested negative, the raccoon tested positive.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Flebotte, Animal Inspector

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT
2020 COVID-19 and ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

COVID-19

The first case of novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 known as COVID-19 was confirmed in Massachusetts on March 2, 2020. Since that time, the word pandemic became a common word in our collective vocabulary. As a novel virus, the first step of the health department was education of other town departments on what was known of the virus at that time - how it is transmitted and protective measures. We also performed an inventory of existing medical supplies such as masks, gloves, goggles, sanitizer, etc... in storage at the Boards of Health offices in the Town Hall. What was still usable was distributed to various at-risk Departments. Donations were also made to our local hospital system, Baystate Health, as their supplies were in desperate shortage as they struggled to care for those afflicted with COVID-19 seeking care at our local hospitals.

As an employer, the Quabbin Health District also had obligations to protect their staff from exposures while keeping our essential functions running. We did so by preparing to transition to remote location work as much as possible. Employees were outfitted with remote equipment and communications. Provisions and protocols were established to meet our financial obligations: payroll, monthly withholdings payments, and benefit administration as well as vendor payments. A COVID-19 Plan was developed and provided to all staff, along with PPE gear when duty required interaction with others at large.

The District also applied for and received funding for a $50,000 grant from the Massachusetts Public Health Trust. Funds were used for remote work equipment and communications, as well as for distribution of supplies for public protection. Mask, gloves and thermometers were prepared and given to the senior centers, food banks, and local opioid prevention groups. Essential departments were also provided with worker protection supplies, such as to the Town Clerks for voting and town meetings. The towns also eventually had access to their own funding from the CARES Act. As Massachusetts prepared to re-open in May, an educational campaign of yard signs was instituted District wide at parks, open recreations spaces, and public spaces. The bulk of the grant was used to hire a COVID-19 consultant whose main focus was to assist business and groups with their COVID-19 planning for re-opening that complied with the various, and often changing, orders issued by the Governor. When necessary, warnings and enforcement orders were issued. However, by far, the majority of our time was spent on disease surveillance.

The following table lists the major COVID-19 activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2020:

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Confirmed Cases tracked and monitored	356	230	18
Close Contacts (exposures) identified	319	130	12
Outbreaks and Clusters investigated	13	7	0
Total COVID Complaints	32	34	1
Repeated Complaints	12	15	0
Referrals from DLS	3	9	0
Enforcement Letters	9	9	0
Fines Issued	1	0	0
COVID Plan Reviews	36	22	3

Total: Activities District-wide: 1271

ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 27,448 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2020.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
PercTest / Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	110	32	4
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	33	10	0
Septic Application Review (Repair)	43	21	4
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-inspections	67	30	6
Well Application Review	32	N/A	0
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) & Re-inspections	24	85	3
Lead Paint Inspections	0	0	0
Condemnations (#of units)	0	0	0
Voucher Housing Inspections	0	10	0
Housing Court Appearances	0	0	0
Food Service Inspections (routine and complaint) including School Cafeterias	72	81	1
New or Remodeled Food Plan review	1	3	0
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	6	8	6
Beaver Permits Applications	4	4	0
Nuisance Complaints Received and Investigated and Orders issued as warranted	2	17	2
Tanning Bed Licensure	1	0	0
Children Recreational Camp Inspections and Licensing	0	0	0
Tattoo/ Body Art Establishments	N/A	1	N/A
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections Public Beaches	1	0 Not opened	N/A
Meetings/ Hearings	10	5	4

Total: Inspection Activities District-wide: 743

The tremendous amount of work performed by the staff of the Quabbin Health District in this unprecedented year could not have been possible without the dedicated service of our employees. Health Inspector, Finn McCool, almost single-handedly kept the routine inspection business of the Board of Health running from March 2020 forward. He continued to perform required food safety inspections, investigate tenant complaints and order repairs on rental housing units, perform perc tests, inspect septic installation, etc… Stephen Bell, a former employee of the Quabbin Health District, returned to the Massachusetts in the Spring of 2020, became our COVID-19 consultant. He was a valuable resource to our team in the fight against COVID-19, especially given his familiarity with the town, businesses, groups, and other departments. Administrative Assistant Betty Barlow and Senior Clerk Mary Grenier provided instrumental clerical support to all us, whether in our normal duties or pandemic response. They did the work admirably despite working remotely at times with new equipment, while learning new programs, and procedures.

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative / clerical personnel at both locations as well.

I would also like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

HISTORIC DISTRICT BY-LAW COMMISSION

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, the Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic District provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alterations within the boundaries of the District, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the District. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 200 Local Historic Districts in the Commonwealth. Although there are many significant historic properties within the Town, the Historic District Bylaw Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the Center Historic District.

During the past year there was one application filed for proposed work within the Historic District.

There were no "Certificates of Non-Applicability" issued in 2020.

There were no "Certificates of Appropriateness" issued in 2020.

There was one "Certificate of Hardship" issued in 2020:

- 17 Main Street – for the replacement of existing roof with architectural asphalt shingles. Due to the 'emergency' nature of this application and to prevent further damage to the property, a Certificate of Hardship was approved.

Other business conducted by the Historic District Bylaw Commission in 2020:

- At our meeting on March 4, 2020, the Historic District Bylaw Commission voted in favor of supporting the relocation and replacement of the existing water storage tank at 18 Park Street with a new 250,000 gallon multi-column water storage tank located approximately 60' southeast of the existing tank.

Since the first Historic District was established in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you a renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Smith, Chair
Irene Mariettos
Craig Schumacher
Jonathan Spiegel
Thomas Stockton
Sharon Burdick

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission, much like many other organizations, had to adapt to new circumstances in 2020. We conducted our monthly meetings via Go-to-meeting. We welcomed two new members to the Commission, to round out our membership to seven. In May, we were all shocked by the sudden death of Judy Gillan, one of our long time commission members (and founder of the New England Small Farm Institute). It is our hope that we can help to see many of the preservation projects that Judy had started (or had wanted to start) through to completion in the coming years.

Most of our meetings this year have focused on how to best plan for the construction of a permanent monument dedicated to the former residents of the Belchertown State School. We have collaborated with other town organizations and nonprofits in order to plan the monument. We are also in the midst of planning a sensory garden for the walled area that was once an English garden at the John Patrick Center (Superintendent's house).

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Bierly, Clerk

Members:

Patrick Bierly, Chair	Jill Bierly, Clerk
Alexander Loss	Bruce Klockers
Kevin Lynn	Angela Bergeron-Alexander
John Belding	

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Belchertown Housing Authority (BHA) consists of 48 elderly/disabled apartments, 16 family housing apartments, and two group homes leased to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) The Housing Authority is managed by the Amherst Housing Authority via a Management Agreement Contract. The Executive Director of the Amherst Housing Authority is the managing agent who deals with the day-to-day operations of the authority and works in conjunction with the Belchertown Board of Commissioners who retain control of the agency and govern the finances and policies implemented locally. BHA follows regulations and guidelines of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Department of Housing and Community Development. There are no federal housing programs available through BHA, only state housing programs.

All vacancies are filled with applicants who have applied via the Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Programs (CHAMP) https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/ Applications are

chosen on a first come first serve basis with preferences and priorities allowing applicants to move further up the list. An example of a preference would be a local resident or a Veteran.

The elderly/disabled apartments are located at 41 Everett Ave. Each unit has a living room/kitchen combination, one bedroom and one bathroom. Apartments are located on first and second floors. There are no elevators. The office building contains a coin operated laundry room and a community room, which has additional amenities for tenant use. Heat, electricity, and trash pick-up are included in the rent. There is onsite maintenance and a 24-hour manned answering service available for emergencies.

The family housing duplexes are located on State St., George Hannum Rd., and East Walnut St. Off street parking is available. The authority has two units that are ADA compliant with handicap access; one 2-bedroom unit and one 3-bedroom unit. Trash pickup is included in the monthly rent.

Rents for all units are determined based upon a household's gross annual income. Family tenants rent are at 27% of their gross annual income with the tenants paying their own utilities. Elderly/disabled residents pay 30% of their gross annual income with utilities for heat and hot water included.

The housing authority's office is located at 41 Everett Ave., Office 24, Belchertown, MA 01007. Please call 413.256.0206 to speak with the property manager or to schedule an appointment as we are sometimes out of the office during normal hours of operation due to inspections, apartment showings, housing court or the bank.

Respectfully submitted:
Marie Ciosek, Chairperson
Nancy Delgado-Bachman, Member/Community Preservation Committee Representative
Judy O'Kulsky, Treasurer
Brian Rooney, Member
Pamela J. Rogers, Executive Director

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) DEPARTMENT

This past year has been full of challenge and change. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the IT department has worked to help transition the way other departments work. We have implemented ways for users to securely work from home where it is appropriate. The IT Department installed a new phone system that allows our users to have better access to phone systems and forwarding phone numbers as needed. We had to make a rapid transition to an on-line meeting solution to allow all of our public meetings to be held in such a way that continues to meet open meeting laws. Our website https://www.belchertown.org moved to a new more user-friendly interface and has had a few features added to better inform the public of things affecting the town.

Through all of this, we have continued to provide the core back-end support for the IT systems in place, and have focused this year on security and disaster preparedness.

While these changes have at times been difficult, employees of Belchertown have been remarkably quick to adapt and have managed to continue to provide services to the public. This past year has been a tremendous group effort in order to keep things running as close to normal as possible.

Thank you,

Kevin J. Hannon,
IT Director

INSPECTION SERVICES

The Inspection Services Department issued forty eight (48) new construction-building permits for single-family residences. This comprised thirty nine (39) single family homes and nine (9) condos.

The total number of permits for the year totaled 1679.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector with Charles Lydon serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and David Sedelow and Richard Rosazza are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

LAKES COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Lakes Committee is responsible for the protection of the public health, environment and the general welfare of the lakes within the Town. For the year 2020, the Committee has met 4 times. The Committee has been working with Tri-Lakes Association, Town Departments and residents to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals for the Town's waterbodies. Belchertown can be proud of our accomplishments regarding lake stewardship efforts for all lakes over the last 10 to 15 years. Data for the Tri-Lakes area has consistently shown a continued increase in water quality and a decline in nutrient over-loading and nuisance vegetation!

During the season of 2020, the Belchertown Lake Committee has been working with AER, (Aquatic Ecosystem Research) to make recommendations for long term management for all three lakes. The Tri-Lakes are ecologically unique assets to the local and larger populations of Massachusetts. There are recreational, ecological, and aesthetic values inherent to these Great Pond resources. Conservation through prudent management planning is the most effective way to ensure that these resources are available to residents for many years to come. Management must be based on sound scientific data. This monitoring initiative to the existing suite of management activities are necessary to track environmental stressors that threaten the Tri-Lakes system.

Three distinct stressors have historically threatened the Tri-Lakes system. First is the presence of the non-native aquatic plant species C. caroliniana and M. heterophyllum. These species can have broad ecological impacts including alteration of the ecosystem processes, diminishment of species-specific habitats, increased internal nutrient loading, and decreased aquatic macrophyte diversity. These stress factors can also have significant negative impacts on the aesthetic and recreational values of all three lakes.

AER conducted a monitoring program in early May to late October for a vegetation survey to keep track of the aquatic vegetation growth and regrowth as it appears in all three Lakes. AER also conducted a detailed water quality monitoring and vegetation mapping of Arcadia Lake, Metacomet Lake, and Holland Pond. Management recommendations are forthcoming.

The Lake Committee is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2021 and feels confident that the environment is favorable within the local community, to protect these valuable resource areas.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnne Connolly, Chairman
Kathi Smith, Clerk
John Soja
Bonnie Strickland, Vice Chairman
Jennica Gallagher

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

During 2020, the Memorial Committee worked through the Veterans' Agent Office to provide needed DD 214s ensuring military honors were provided at the veterans' funerals. Also, DD 214s were processed or evaluated for names to be included on the various war memorials in Town.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Memorial Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Charly N. Oliva, MSW
Veterans' Agent

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

In this year of unprecedented circumstances, we continue in our efforts to offer our community a range of recreational opportunities instituting state guidelines regarding safety to meet the social developmental needs of the citizens of Belchertown. With the success of our new events, drive-in movie nights & drive-by holiday lighting contest, our plan is to continue offering these events annually. This past year with our new outdoor pickleball courts located behind Jabish Brook Middle School, our pickleball programs have been consistently offered during the pandemic and remain very popular. As some of our spring programs are postponed, through the invaluable help of volunteers, coaches, program instructors and the dedication of our staff, we have been able to provide our community with modified programs including basketball, baseball, softball, field hockey, soccer, baton twirling, yoga, tai chi, zumba, horseback riding and jujitsu to name a few. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal.

Due to the pandemic, our Town Beach was closed to the public in 2020. During the closure, staff continues to maintain and improve the area. We will look forward to reopening in 2021 to welcome back many familiar faces along with new patrons.

With the efforts of continued refurbishing to our community indoor pool and approval to open during the pandemic; we are able to offer such programs including Stingray's Swim Team and public lap swim. We are also happy to be able to host BHS Swim season prior to our renovation project. Updates to the pool filtration and heating system continue to be improved upon and we look forward to offering swim lessons, exercise classes, along with private rentals of the pool for the near future.

The Belchertown Recreation Center along with the Old Town Hall closed to the public due to the pandemic however is utilized for various programming. The buildings are popular to rent for children's birthday parties, events or meetings. We look forward to the reopening in 2021.

As always we greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Dept. of Public Works, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

To learn more about what we offer and to register for programs check out our online system at www.belchertownrec.com.

PLANNING BOARD

Despite all that seemed to go awry in 2020, the normal work of the Planning Department continued along with the need to address the exigencies brought about by COVID-19. While addressing the community's new needs because of COVID-19, existing community needs became more noticeable, such as income and racial disparities. Emphasis grew for us to first recognize our under-served community members, and then to develop ways to serve them in performing the Planning Board's normal work.

Belchertown is collaborating on several COVID-related federal grants with surrounding towns. These are addressing micro-business loans, senior outreach, literacy, and domestic violence treatment. Other efforts of the Planning Department include two Community Health Inclusion Index grants; the first one was to assist in ways to improve physical accessibility at conservation areas, and the second one goes further to improve accessibility for those in the community who might often feel excluded, such as racial minorities.

In collaboration with the Select Board, the Planning Board oversaw revision of the Economic Development section of the Community Plan. Local resident Katie Mathieu was our intern on this, and she assembled much important information about local businesses. We were awarded a $20,000 grant for this work through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

The Planning Board is also assisting the Conservation Commission in revision of the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Preliminary work continued toward building the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail. This trail is to be a fully accessible path from State Street to Foley Field with educational, historical, and natural elements integrated with Carriage Grove, the former Belchertown State School. A Community Preservation grant brought the project to our funding goal. Surveying, civil engineering, and wetland permitting are now complete, and interpretive signage has been bought. The trail and its accompanying elements are to be built in 2021.

The Planning Board looks for every planning effort to be a community project. Community contributions and insights are what result in plans that work for us because they are from us. Cooperation and positive spirit can bring good results.

Development Activity: Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Twenty-one new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. Numerous other ANR plans submitted simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

Street	# New Lots	Street	# New Lots
Franklin Street	4	Michael Sears Road	1
Aldrich Street	3	North Main Street	1
Munsell Street	3	North Washington Street	1
Shea Avenue	3	Rockrimmon Road	1
East Street	1	Stebbins Street	1
Federal Street	1	Ware Road	1
		Total Lots	**21**

The Planning Board monitored nine subdivisions under construction during 2020. This includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work, and communicating with residents of the subdivisions. There was one application for a subdivision. The review of this one was suspended during COVID.

The Planning Board is also actively seeking to close out existing subdivisions that have lingered. The board works with developers to create a work plan and seeks to help the developers fulfill their obligations to complete the projects.

Other Development Reviews: The Planning Board approved five site plans. The board granted five special permits for accessory apartments. The board also granted a special permit for a second commercial marijuana retailer, while a cultivation proposal at 401 Mill Valley Road was withdrawn. One special permit for a common drive was granted, and two earth removal permits were extended.

Planning Projects and Recommendations: The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

The Planning Board drafted revisions to the common drive section of the zoning bylaw. This is to go to the 2021 annual town meeting.

Other Work of the Planning Department: Continuous activities of the planning office and planning board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the select board on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Planning Department applied for the state's Housing Choice designation, which was awarded in the summer. This designation includes grant opportunities, and it boosts our score in other state grant programs. The department also provided assistance and advice to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, and to MassDevelopment on Carriage Grove redevelopment.

The Town Planner participated in the Massachusetts Resilient Lands Initiative, which was the drafting of the state's land use plan; was the town's representative on the Solarize Belchertown campaign; continues to serve on the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's executive committee; and is the town's representative on the Quaboag Region Coordinating Council.

The Town Planner manages the planning office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues. The Planning Board continued involvement with the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce to support small business development. The Town Planner represents Belchertown on the chamber's economic development committee. The Town Planner also is on the board of the Valley Development Council, the executive committee of the Pioneer

Valley Planning Commission, and the Pioneer Valley Regional Housing Committee, and on several advisory committees.

The Planning Board membership in 2020 was as follows:

- Daniel Beaudette, (term expires: 2021);
- Alice Knittel, single signature authority, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2022);
- James Natle, Chair, (term expires: 2023);
- Justin Rosienski, Clerk, (term expires: 2024);
- Michael Hofler, Vice Chair, Community Preservation Committee liaison (term expires: 2025);
- Elizabeth Pols, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits (Appointed annually).

Staff

- Lynn Sikes is the Planning Board Secretary;
- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and Alternate Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,
Douglas Albertson, Town Planner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This has been an extremely challenging year for your police department. With civil unrest, changing attitudes towards policing, the onset of the pandemic, and an increase in call volume and serious incidents; the police department has confronted some difficult obstacles. Despite this, the women and men of the police department and emergency dispatch center were consistent and effective in providing a high level of service to the community.

The highlight of the year was the department receiving Full Accreditation Status from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. This is the highest accreditation possible through the state and we became only the fifth municipal police department in western Massachusetts to achieve this distinction. Another highpoint of the year was a grant award of $462,817 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. This award was an extension to our previous award which will allow us to continue our in-station victim advocacy. It will also fund a full time police officer position which will be dedicated to preventing, investigating, and assisting those involved in domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and dating violence. The funds will also provide additional specialized training to all department police officers and dispatchers.

Although side-lined by the pandemic, we continued to utilize a community-oriented policing philosophy and engaged in as many programs and activities as possible while conforming to safety standards. The Department continues to collaborate with several social service and community organizations, including substance programming through DART (Drug Addiction Recovery Team); joint responses and follow-ups with BHN (Behavioral Health Network); and the availability of civilian victim advocacy for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Changes in personnel during the year included the retirement of full time officer Edward Oey; the resignations of full time officer Jeremy Burns and part time dispatcher Maurice Lalumiere. Vincent Daponte and Matthew Menard were appointed full time officers, and Austin Marrone was appointed a part time officer. Joseph Boyle retired from the auxiliary police.

The police department was very successful in securing grant funding, with a total of $602,612 awarded in 2020. Funding received in 2020 includes the following:

- $462,817 for victim advocacy, training, and specialized officer for domestic/sexual violence
- $92,749 for emergency dispatch training & salaries
- $13,314 for personal protective equipment
- $12,000 for traffic safety enforcement
- $ 9,550 for DART (Drug Addiction Recovery Team) outreach
- $ 9,182 for cruiser laptop replacements
- $ 3,000 to provide co-response & follow-up for mental health calls

In 2020 the police department responded to 16,857 calls for service, resulting in 221 people arrested or summoned to court on criminal offenses, and 967 incident reports completed. There were 178 motor vehicle crashes investigated and 758 citations issued.

This data reflects a 49% decrease in the number of automobile crashes during the year; attributable to increased and location-focused traffic enforcement. There was also an increase in the number of calls for service, incident reports, and the number of people arrested or charged.

The following lists a selected number of incidents investigated and reports completed, and/or criminal charges brought forward:

Abuse Prevention Order Violation	19	Assault /Assault & Battery	44
Aggravated Assault	25	Assist Fire/EMS	18
Assault & Battery on Police Officer	5	Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	25
Child Pornography	3	Counterfeiting/Forgery	4
Destruction of Property	44	Disorderly Conduct	5
Disturbance	60	Drug Offenses	4
Domestic Assault & Battery	36	DUI Drugs/Alcohol	14
Gun Law Violations	3	Harassment/ Threats	15
Identity Theft/Impersonation	240	Intimidation	10
Juvenile Issues	22	K-9 Deployments	37
Larceny of Property	90	Liquor Law Violations	5
Medical/Mental	92	Missing Persons	9
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	Negligent Vehicle Operation	19
Protective Custody	6	Sexual Assault	4
Sexual Assault/Rape Child	4	Sudden Death	28
Trespassing	51	Warrant Arrests	19

On behalf of the entire Police Department and Emergency Communication's Center, thank you to those who have supported and assisted us this past year.

Respectfully,

Christopher G. Pronovost,
Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works withstood the onset of COVID-19 in year 2020. Although a trying time for everyone our department remained steadfast in all areas of masking, cleansing and social distancing protocals. The immediate implementation of these precautionary measures ensured the safety of our employees who continued to assist the needs of the public, other town departments and conduct town projects throughout the pandemic.

Our diverse daily activities continued right into plowing season with a winter season that was warmer-than-normal, and the coldest periods cataloged between mid-January and early-February. This winter produced 17 storm events totalling 42.50" of snowfall as compared to last year's 28 storms/42.75" (2019).

Despite the ongoing Coronavirus, we still managed to conquer a long list of town projects; some of which are noted in the following report.

ROADWAYS & RECONSTRUCTION:

- **Maple /State Street** –The construction plans continued to moved forward at a steady pace. The project's construction phasing began in mid-March and continued through winter with work expected to resume in spring, 2021.
- **North Main-Main Street Corridor Improvement Project-** Project redevelopment phasing began in August to include surveying, field work, wetland delineation, investigation of existing conditions via traffic studies and speed limits. The one mile corridor is under evaluation for new and reconstructed sidewalks, travel lane narrowing, shoulder widening, on-street parking, bicycle and recreational accommodations, and safety improvements including signage and line striping.
- **Public Way Acquisition / Carriage Drive & Front Street -** At ATM held on Saturday, June 27th Belchertown residents voted to accept the final roadway layouts of Carriage Drive and Front Street (Front Street, Jackson Street and Carriage Drive) as town public ways. The addition of these roadways have been added to the town's street inventory list and will contribute to the amount of Chapter 90 reimbursement funds for Belchertown.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: Annually, this Department reviews all Stormwater Management applications thus completing 30 applications in 2020. Our annual MS4/Stormwater Compliance Training was postponed due to COVID-19, however we continued working with Engineers, Fuss & O'Neil, Inc. to produce and submit our required MS4 annual report, on time.

STORMWATER UTILITY BY-LAW: The first annual billing was sent out in September. Both the DPW and Conservation Office fielded inquiries regarding this new assessment and provided information and abatement forms to those seeking property re-evaluations.

BUILDINGS GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE: Duties included caring for all town buildings, 200+ acres of grounds/open space including recreational and school fields, conservation trails, nine cemeteries, athletic fields and town properties. This division spent most of their time performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, mowing, field preparations, annual cemetery cleaning, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal/holiday lighting and decorations. They also completed an impressive list of time consuming projects (shown below), that require the proper training and knowledge to perform. It should also be noted that all projects meet the most current energy reduction guidelines.

- Assisted Police Dept. with the annual hanging of Veteran Banners
- Set up for Food Truck Thursdays
- Built and installed plexi glass shields (COVID-19) in town buildings.
- Installed outside drop boxes (COVID-19) in all town buildings.
- Installed new netting at High School between fields.
- Rebuilt roof on back of Old Town Hall from fallen tree.
- Fixed roof on new Fair Committee shed from fallen tree.
- Maintained all 48 retention ponds throughout town ways.
- Removed vines and brush from all chain fences at all schools.
- Set up two locations for town meeting
- Set up for early voting several times.
- Cut brush and re-seeded at Meadow building.
- Increased our mowing to include all of Carriage Drive.
- Painted inside of DPW and Maintenance Buildings
- Assembled and installed new lockers at Police Dept.
- Insulated boiler piping at Town Hall.
- Assisted with installation of new furnace in the upstairs of Police Dept.
- Assisted with installation of replacement fencing at Family Center

This Division also assisted with town wide annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed and approximately two miles of roadside were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

CEMETERY DIVISION: In 2020, the Department conducted a total of 28 burials consisting of 16 earthen burials and 12 cremations. In addition, 20 Deeds were issued for 43 lots. Other activities included archiving Deeds, lot transfers and sales, burials, mapping, grounds maintenance, lot layouts, snow staking and pinning of cemetery burial rows and headstone repairs. The Cemetery Division archives all deceased and burial certificates for long-term preservation. Along with aiding genealogical researchers we also process military markers sent from the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure those who died in military service are properly recognized.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (CPA) APPLICATIONS: The DPW applied for the following grants in November, 2020 (FY'21):

- Cemetery Bounds, Pins and Stakes - $9235
- Electrical at the Pavilion at Jessica's Boundless Playground-$13,000
- Old Town Hall Roofing & Chimney Restoration-$75,510
- Chestnut Hill Central Recreation Complex Basketball Courts-$109,090.00

EARTH DAY: Earth Day was celebrated on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. The DPW offered town orange trash bags to residents wishing to partake in the collection of roadside trash. A total of 150 small trash bags were provided to 9 participants who picked up trash throughout town. In addition, the Hampshire County Sheriff's Office community service program removed trash on Bay Road and Stebbins Street. The Department wishes to thank everyone who participated in this annual event and appreciates your efforts towards keeping Belchertown clean.

FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECTS - 2020

Project	Start Date	Awarded Vendor	Project Revenue /Acreage	Status
Corr-Welch Lot	Oct., 2019	Leclerc & Son Timber Logging	$8275.90/50acres	Near Completion
BEDIC Lot	Feb., 2020	Leclerc & Son Timber Logging	$16,067.00/30 acres	Near Completion

GREEN COMMUNITIES: The Department has now completed its eleventh year of reporting since its Green Communities designation in May, 2010. (FY'09). Our Annual Green Community Report was submitted on October 1, 2020 to the MassDOER. This highly statistical and lengthy annual report provides the necessary data in order for the town to maintain its Green Community status and to further qualify for Green Community Competitive Grants.

In addition, the DPW and the Belchertown School Department collaboratively submitted and received a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance Grant (META) in the amount of $12,500. The DPW portion of the grant ($4000) will provide an ASHRAE Level 2 Building Energy Audit for the Lawrence Memorial Town Hall to determine the estimated annual clean energy benefit. The school portion of the grant ($8,500) will provide for an outside consultant to perform a study of the Belchertown High School to determine the efficacy and scope of a building retro-commission project. All work is to be completed by year 2021.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION: This Department hosts its HHWD Event every two years; our next event has been scheduled in September, 2021. However, annually we participate in the Pioneer Valley Reciprocal Program which allows Belchertown residents to dispose of their hazardous waste materials to any of the ten adjacent cities/towns events. This list of host communities is perpetually posted on the DPW website www.belchertown.org.

SAFETY: Our Safety Committee was active this past year with organizing departmental training in several topics to include: Work Zone /Traffic Safety, CPR, Confined Space, Lockout/Tag out, Fall Protection, and OSHA 10. They also completed a walkthrough of the DPW buildings to ensure safe work practices and improvements were to be implemented and maintained.

NEW VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT:

- 2020 F350 Pickup Truck-WWTP
- Toro Grandstand Mower-Maintenance
- Ford F350-Maintenance

HIGHWAY DIVISION: In between storms this division tackled many areas of work to include pothole repairs, street sweeping, sign installation, line painting, repairing equipment, and clearing of brush and vegetation from the roadsides. Also, this division cleaned 805 catch basins and 3124 ft. of drain lines. Our roads remained well-traveled and maintained during all seasons of year 2020. During 2019-2020 snow season our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways was $5598.26 approximately 25% lower than 2018-2019 season (FY'19 /$7444.17). The total cost for the season was $238,262.18.

This Division was responsible for the preparations of all resurfacing/reclamation/overlay projects with bituminous concrete overlay and lane markings. The following streets received this much needed work.

2020 Roadway Resurfacing & Reconstruction Projects

Resurfacing

Street	Length /Ft.	Width/Ft.	Cost
West Street	2700	21	$92,043
Mountain View Drive	2091	25	$47,180
Barton Avenue	3000	25	$70,770
Michael Sears Road	5020	21	$86,600
Rockrimmon Street	1321	21	$18,140
Pine Street	2885	20	$19,310
Bardwell Street	1090	22	$ 8,380
North Washington Street	5581	20	$31,140
Federal Street	2430	22	$43,140
Jensen Street	4329	19	$45,000
Granby Road	4705	21	$51,320
Boardman Street	3780	21	$97,500

Crack Sealing

Street	Length /Ft.	Width/Ft.	Cost
Bardwell Street	750	22	$ 2,220
Pine Street	1000	20	$ 2,460
River Street	2037	22	$15,750
North Washington Street	1580	22	$ 4,920
Springfield Road	2330	24	$ 4,190
Helen Lane	1020	25	$ 8,130
Hamilton Street	1500	22	$ 1,230

Totals: 19 Streets; Total Length 49,149; Total Cost: $649,423 = 9.3 miles

TRANSFER STATION: All aspects of the towns' waste disposal activities are monitored and in adherence to the annual Transfer Station Rules & Regulations. Violators consisting of non-permitted users and/or failure to use the town's orange recyclable trash bags are identified and promptly notified. The Annual Transfer Station Rules & Regulations can be found on the DPW/Town website by accessing the www.belchertown.org.

Our residential number of household Transfer Station users totaled 1847 (FY'20). Due to COVID-19, 105 residents opted to purchase their annual sticker via mail. Participation varies slightly from year to year for those who desire to use our disposal/recycling program.

The following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated during year 2020.

Recyclable	*Per Unit(s)*	*Year 2019*	*Year 2020*
Paper & Cardboard (co-mingled)	Tons	497.25	445.16
Waste Oil (gals)	Single	1850	1800
Tires (single)	Tons	546s	397s
Solid Waste (tons)	Tons	1361.9	1541
Electronics (tons)	Tons	22.55	26.18
Scrap Steel (tons)	Tons	86.09	105.54
Textile (tons)	Tons	4.2	4.6

Transfer Station Permit Stickers remained at $120.00 annually and for senior citizens age 65+ at $100.00. Likewise, orange trash bag fees remained at $25.00 for size large (10 per bundle) whereas small bags remained at $15.00 for size small bags (10 per bundle). Unfortunately, future increases may be in site due to pending market changes. Bags may be purchased at a variety of in-town stores as well as the Finnerty House and Transfer Station for resident convenience.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: This past year the Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 133,480,000 gallons of wastewater; 15.51 million gallons less than in 2019 which was 148,990,000 gallons. They also acquired 27 new service connections of which 3 were within the Tri-Lakes Sewer System and 24 were in the Central Sewer System. This brings the total number of customers served to 1870 equivalent dwelling units (EDU's).

The WWTP Staff were busy working on facility operations and improvements including employee training, process equipment repairs, piping modifications and safety improvements. In addition, this Division also completed the second phase work for the Sewer System Evaluation Study (SSES) which was initiated to assess the conditions of the sewerage collection system. The activities conducted this year were sewer dye testing and system flow isolation.

Other sewerage collection system work completed during 2020 included video inspections of trouble areas and cleaning of 5000 feet of sewers. Also, they lined 2580 feet and replaced 415 feet of problematic sewer mains throughout the collection system. Other sewer work included easement cutting, and sewer structure rehabilitation.

TREE AND VEGETATION CONTROL: As with every year, the Towns Tree Warden attends the Massachusetts Tree Warden & Foresters Association Annual Conference in order to receive recertification and accreditation to conduct work in the field. In year 2020, the Tree Warden supervised the removal of 213 trees consisting of mostly Oak, Ash, and Maples. Of the 903 trees identified for removal during a tree survey of approximately 100 miles of town roadway (out of approximately 130) completed during year 2019, 690 remain. All of these trees were damaged caused by weather, rot, or infestation of various nature.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: In closing, the Department of Public Works is a team of dedicated employees. My thanks go out to all employees who helped make year 2020 a success and I look forward to a safe and prosperous new year.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams, Director of Public Works

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee awards scholarships annually, when there are available funds, to Belchertown residents in pursuit of higher education and for the purpose of providing financial aid towards the costs of college tuition, books, fees, etc. Applicants may be graduates of Belchertown High School, Pathfinder Vocational Technical High School, or a home-school program.

Due to COVID-19, the Belchertown High School was required to close which led to the removal of the scholarship application process from the school website. Due to this delay, students were unable to obtain and submit applications by the original March 27, 2020 deadline. In an effort to provide all students the chance to apply, the Committee decided to extend the application deadline until April 16, 2020. In addition, the Sentinel Newspaper advertised the new deadline and the Belchertown School IT Dept. aided with re-posting the information back onto the school website. Applications were collected in an outside drop-off-box at the Central School Office and despite the coronavirus interference the Committee was able to award two graduating BHS students a $1000 scholarship each.

In addition, the Committee continued its trek towards community outreach via the use of informational flyers inserted into the town's quarterly tax billing cycles through the aid of the Belchertown Treasurer Collectors Office. These inserts provide guidance on how individuals can contribute to the fund in several ways. Our fund balance turned noteworthy by years end as the Belchertown community was able to match a private alum pledge of $5k. We also received another $1k from a Belchertown private contributor who has supported our efforts over the years. The Committee wishes to thank everyone for their continued and generous support. The existing scholarship fund balance as of December 31, 2020 was $17,157.08.

The Belchertown Scholarship Fund accepts contributions in any denomination in c/o: the Town of Belchertown Treasurer Collectors Office or by adding any amount to your quarterly tax bill payment. Contributions can also be made by accessing the town's website at www.belchertown.org. Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, check donations can be placed into the drop-box located outside of the Lawrence Memorial Town Hall, back entrance.

The Scholarship Committee remains grateful for the continued support provided by everyone behind the scenes as well as the generous and continued support of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lusignan, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

Members:
Lorraine Alves, Pathfinder Regional Rep.
Ruby Bansal, School Committee Rep.
Brian Cameron, Superintendent of Schools, Rep.
Sarah Edwards, High School Committee
Erica Rose, Vice-Chairman (Exp. 6/2019)
Lisa Aiken, Home School Rep. (Exp. 6/2019)
Mark Kopulos, Home School Rep. (Eff. 12/2020
Connie Lavelle, Member (Eff. 12/2020)

SCHOOLS

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools

The 2019-2020 school year was a very busy year for the Belchertown Public Schools. This school year was the first year of implementation of the district's five-year strategic plan. The five strategic objectives are: optimize SEL outcomes for all students, optimize learning outcomes for all students, strengthen and leverage positive relationships with and among students, staff, parents/guardians, and community, decrease chronic absenteeism and negative student behaviors related to disruption, disrespect, refusal and safety, and establish a long-term commitment to supporting mental health, technology, facilities, and professional development. I invite you to view the **B**elchertown **P**ublic **S**chool web page at www.belchertownps.org. The website features information about the District's Strategic Plan, the School Committee, and our five schools: Cold Spring Early Childhood Center for Preschool and Kindergarten, Swift River Elementary School grades 1-3, Chestnut Hill Community School grades 4-6, Jabish Brook Middle School grades 7 and 8, and Belchertown High School grades 9-12.

Due to COVID-19 and the closure of schools, instruction shifted from in-person learning to remote learning. I cannot help but be proud of what our staff have accomplished during this unprecedented time. Teachers and students left school in March with only what they could carry in their hands expecting to return to their classrooms. Since that time, the school closure was extended, and we had to create an entirely new system for remote learning, on the fly, from scratch, while the world was falling apart around us. I was extremely thankful and grateful for the flexibility and resilience of our parents/guardians, educators, staff, and students as we finished out this unprecedented school year.

In August of 2020, the School Committee approved a Phased Hybrid Learning model for reopening school for students in pre-kindergarten through grade 8, with all high school students being taught remotely through the first quarter.

Students were either in-person on Mondays and Tuesdays or Thursdays and Fridays, with remote learning the other three days of the week. This allowed for 6 feet of social distancing among students who were physically present on in-person learning days.

The final phase of in-person learning took place in November with in-person learning at Belchertown High School for 9th-grade students, November 16th for Seniors, November 23rd for Sophomores, and November 30th for Juniors.

I encourage you to read each of the following school department's contributions to learn the greater story of the Belchertown Public Schools. If you have any questions please contact the Superintendent's office. As always, thank you to our families and the community for entrusting BPS with the responsibility of educating the students in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian C. Cameron, Superintendent of Schools

Finance & Operations

The Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) school district budget was approved at the June Town Meeting in the amount of $30,509,793 which was an increase of $496,417 or 1.65% over the prior year. Starting last fall the budgeting process was initiated through the input provided by the Building Principals, school staff and the School Councils. Throughout the development of the budget the Superintendent and District staff held meetings with the Finance & Budget Subcommittee of the School Committee, the Town Administrator, the Town Finance Committee and the Select Board to review budget details and solicit feedback and input.

The Business Office continues to be staffed by long term employee Angela DiVico in Accounts Payable, Melissa Szumski in Payroll, and Mark Chapulis as contracted Business Manager. They are assisted on a part time basis by Kathy Boucher, who supports payroll and Medicaid reporting. In addition to their regular responsibilities, business office staff has been involved in the town's initiative to implement an automated timekeeping system. This includes contributing their expertise on weekly conference calls as the program is developed and populated with data.

Throughout the year the Business Office closely monitors and manages the District's finances. The Munis accounting system used by the School Department conforms to state requirements and the Business Office uses sound accounting practices. The Business Manager reviews the budget regularly with the Superintendent and the School Committee receives monthly financial reports regarding payroll and accounts payable warrants. Combined with the annual operating budget of $30,013,376, the school district Business Office also manages State and Federal Grants of $787,203 School Revolving funds of $824,725, and a School Choice revolving fund of $778,799 which comprised a total financial operation of $32,404,103 in FY20.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Chapulis, Contracted Business Manager

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning's Report

The primary responsibilities for the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning have changed quite a bit during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. However, I have continued to focus on assisting administration and faculty with standards-based curriculum alignment, development, and coordination (PK-12), strengthening instructional delivery, supporting supervision and evaluation, managing student assessment, and coordinating professional development during this trying time.

In this regard, I continued to facilitate the District Instructional Leadership Team (DILT) this year in an effort to align our PK-12 Professional Development efforts. We worked throughout the year to coordinate professional development activities that were focused, high quality, relevant to teachers' practice, connected to the school/district's mission, and had a positive impact on student learning. We continue to develop ways to assess PD offered in the district and to try to tap into the many talented professionals that we have in our district.

The focus of our curriculum and assessment work this year has been on English/Language Art (ELA). A team of K-5 educators is working diligently to update these curriculum guides—which are expected to be completed in the coming years. We are paying particular attention to the application of writing and continue to seek alternative sources of funding (e.g., grants, free training, and organizational partnerships).

Much of this year's Professional Development focused on *Remote Learning*. We also continued our work with area consultants in order to develop educators' capacity to support their colleagues as they refine classroom practices that prioritize the purposeful integration of SEL. Other PD work touched on *Technology Integration*, developing *Trauma Centered Practices*, and *Data-Informed Decision Making.*

These four themes were also supported through building-based PD, district-offered PD opportunities, and partnerships with local colleges and collaboratives'.

I value the work that I do with building principals and assistant principals on identifying the elements of high-quality instruction and assessment in their classrooms. This can be done through: joint observations of teaching, mentoring, calibration activities, participation in faculty/department/team meetings, analysis of student data, etc. Spending time in classrooms with students and teachers continues to be the highlight of my day.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Shawn Fortin, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Student Support Services

The year started with our English Language Learner (ELL) students participating for the eighth year in the "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State" (ACCESS) testing. This assessment was given to students identified as ELs in Kindergarten through 12th grade to identify their English proficiency in reading, writing, thinking, and speaking. Our students worked diligently on this assessment and the data obtained has helped the district better determine the best educational approach for each of the students who participated.

Student Support Services continues to oversee special education programs and services, English Language Learner programs, Section 504 and Homelessness. Essentially, the Student Support Services Department does exactly what the name suggests, in that it provides support services for our students.

Special Education programs and services are responsible for providing educational services to students who experience academic difficulty because of a disability consisting of a developmental delay, or an intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning or health impairment, or any combination of the aforementioned. Children ages three to twenty-two, who have not received a high school diploma, are eligible for special education services. In addition to providing for the academic needs of children identified as having a disability, the program provides related services to assist students in making effective educational progress. These services consist of, but are not limited to, psychological services, counseling for school-related issues, occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision and mobility training, and speech/language therapy. Students with special needs are provided educational services in a variety of settings ranging from full inclusion in the regular classroom to out-of-district placements. The school district also provides extended school year services for special education students in grades preK-12 to prevent substantial loss of previously learned skills and/or substantial difficulty in relearning skills.

Spring 2020 was a spring like no other with the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic. The Student Support Services Department complied with all DESE guidance in regards to providing services for students during the period of mandatory school closure. This consisted of keeping parents informed, writing Individualized Remote Learning Plans for all students on IEPs, negotiating timelines for evaluations with individual families, conducting virtual meetings and providing services via a remote platform.

Summer 2020 began the slow transition back to in-person services. The Student Support Services Department is proud to share that we were not only able to conduct some in-person assessments over the summer months, but were also able to offer in-person services to some of our highest-needs population. In-person services were offered to 30 students and 15 students chose to attend. Belchertown High School housed the 15 students along with 4 teachers, 6 paraprofessionals, 2 nurses and 5 related service providers for the duration of the extended school year services. All other students requiring extended year services received services in the remote environment.

In addition to extended school year services, in an effort to alleviate parent concerns regarding their students 'falling behind' due to the period of mandatory school closure, the Student Support Services Department initiated a virtual Summer Academy. This new program was open to all students on IEPs and was designed to focus on the grade-level curriculum standards culled by the state as priorities to ensure students were prepared for the next grade level. 12.7% of the district's special education population opted to participate in this new program.

The Student Support Services Department welcomed Leah Lockwood to the department as the new secondary Team Leader Coordinator and Amanda Smelcer as a School Psychologist.

The Student Support Service Department continues to work with building principals to increase inclusive education for all students within the district. Increasing inclusive education may be a long and

challenging process, but ultimately this transition can strengthen a school community while simultaneously supporting and addressing the individual needs of each child. As such, effective models of inclusive education not only benefit students with disabilities, but also create an environment in which every student, including those who do not have disabilities, has the opportunity to flourish.

Fall 2020 began the second year of Pre-ETS (Pre-Employment Transition Services) programming at Belchertown High School through STAVROS and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). Pre-ETS services are available to students with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 22 who are enrolled in or receiving services through their local high school. Pre-ETS programming is designed to offer a peer-based approach to support students with five core services: Job Exploration, Work Readiness, Work-based Learning Experiences, Self-Advocacy and Mentoring and Counseling on Post-Secondary Education or Training. Students can access one or all five of these services at a pace commensurate with their abilities

The Belchertown Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) continues to collaborate with neighboring communities in order to be able to provide a variety of workshops to our families. Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, these workshops will include:

- Basic Rights: Understanding the IEP
- Basic Rights: Evaluation & Eligibility
- Creating a Post-Secondary Vision
- Effective Communication

As the district transitioned into the hybrid-learning model, the Student Support Services Department continued to follow all DESE guidance in regards to supporting our students during these unprecedented times. In addition to complying with the individually negotiated timelines and a backlog of meetings from the spring, Modification to Service Delivery Plans were sent out to every family to explain what services would look like this year. The department met their obligation of being responsible for all services in each students IEP and began the process of discussing the potential for COVID Compensatory Services with each family as well.

Finally, the Student Support Services Department continues to work hard to improve and increase communication with families and community members. I look forward to building and maintaining relationships with parents, community members and with the Parent Advisory Council to continue working collaboratively towards improving the best education to all students.

Respectfully Submitted
Rebecca Kudron, Director of Student Support Services

Director of Buildings and Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds department is responsible for the maintenance of five school buildings and two associated buildings, encompassing 478,000 square feet of building space and over 100 acres of land. Due to COVID-19, we were forced to shut down the school buildings for several months in the spring. Although school continued remotely, custodial and maintenance staff remained busy with ongoing building operations, maintenance and repairs. The custodial staff spent several weeks thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting the buildings, before using this time to paint classrooms, hallways and common areas. Custodial and maintenance staff underwent new training on how to combat SARS-CoV-2 and how to ensure a safe and healthy environment for the return of faculty, staff and students in the fall. Maintenance staff as well as HVAC contractors performed thorough inspections on all HVAC systems and replaced air filters with a higher MERV rated filter. Air flow testing was performed in all classrooms by an outside HVAC commissioning agent to ensure that the buildings had proper air flow and air exchanges. On top of all these measures the department was given the responsibility of procuring and managing all inventory of PPE and safety equipment for the district, which proved to be a tall order with school districts, government agencies and corporations across the globe all vying for the same products.

The school buildings underwent more than $250,000 in maintenance repairs and capital improvement projects this year, with a majority of them taking place during the summer months. Projects that were completed, in addition to ongoing maintenance of our school buildings included; boiler replacements at Swift River and Belchertown High School, window repairs at Swift River, replacement of several classroom heat pumps at Chestnut Hill, hot water storage tank replacement and upgrades at Chestnut Hill, exterior masonry repairs at Belchertown High School, partial parking lot crack sealing at Belchertown High School, phone system replacement at Belchertown High School and portable air purifier installations districtwide.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and diligent efforts of our custodial and maintenance staff who work hard every day to uphold the high standards of safety and cleanliness for the Belchertown students and staff. COVID-19 has brought on many new challenges and the staff has worked tirelessly to meet those new challenges.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Lebeau, FMP, BOC - Director of Buildings and Grounds

Information Services Department

Honestly, this last year has been mostly reactionary to the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been difficult at best to plan much.

In some ways, the pandemic has been the best thing for technology since the invention of the wheel. At the same time, it has been devastating to the operational/planning side for technology in the District.

On the positive side, the temporary change to remote learning has pushed teachers hard to learn new and even advanced technical skills. The faculty has met this challenge with help from our department and Dr. Fortin's use of supplemental training from CES, the Cooperative for Educational Services. Grants from the state have allowed us to refresh our entire Chromebook fleet with over 1200 new Chromebooks as most of the old ones have gone out to families in need across the town. All in all, there has been a focus on technology unlike anything I have seen before.

On the negative side, much of the I.T. infrastructure has been dismantled in an effort to meet the needs of our new way of teaching. Labs have been dismantled to make physical room for socially distanced class sizes. Chromebook carts and shared devices are not usable during COVID-19. Twenty-eight Chromebook carts filled with Chromebooks have been emptied out and sent home families in need of a device, or in some cases multiple devices. The breakage and loss rate on devices sent home to families has been much higher than when the devices were in-house. Fortunately, many of these devices are set to go EOL (end of ife) in the summer of 2021, so the loss is lessened.

The focus on Technology to meet the needs of faculty and students during the pandemic has allowed the I.T. department increased financial resources from Administration to improve services, such as our Bandwidth. Our Charter bandwidth has again doubled from 1gig to 2 gigs as streaming video (Meets) into and out of all schools for teaching has become commonplace.

The District has also teamed up with T-Mobile's wireless hotspot program to provide internet to families in need. Over 50 low cost hotspots have been provided to the District for potential use by families.

The District continues to utilize E-rate grants to improve on the District's switching, wireless and fiber backbone connecting the schools and Town Hall. We are also now in a refresh period of new wireless APs which are replacing the first ones purchased and installed in 2012.

Technology is an ever-changing field and I and my staff are always well prepared and expecting change each and every year. I am proud to say the Tech department was ready and able to quickly adapt to provide for the needs of our staff and students of our District during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we move forward and towards the end of this pandemic, we will continue to meet those needs. When the time is right, we will prioritize rebuilding the in-house side of the I.T. infrastructure to something resembling what it once was.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Scott Karen, Director of Technology for Belchertown Public Schools

Food Service Department Director's Report

The food service department offers breakfast and lunch to students and staff every school day. When schools closed in March 2020 due to COVID-19, the USDA extended universal free meals to all children, aged 18 and younger, regardless of where they live or go to school to prevent food insecurity. The food service department immediately developed a curbside meal pickup distribution plan and from March to June distributed over 70,000 meals to children in the community. The food service department was awarded $1,500.00 in grant funds to support the change in operations and distribution.

The Summer Eats program, which began on July 1 distributed four times as many meals in 2020 than in 2019. The Summer Eats program, which conventionally provides engagement activities along with meals, adapted this year due to the inability to safely congregate. Daily activities were distributed along with meals at pickup in paper form, and also via social media. Several special guests visited meal distribution each week to engage with children at a safe distance. Local fruit and vegetables from the Belchertown School Garden were generously donated to provide nutritious meals to children this summer. The food service department was awarded $7,500.00 in grant funds to adapt and support this year's program.

In August, the USDA further extended universal free meals for the entire 2020-2021 school year. With students enrolled in hybrid or remote learning, the food service department now offers meals to students on days they are physically in school, meals for remote learning days, meals for students learning remotely full time, and meals for any child 18 and younger enrolled in the district or not, all for free. Elementary students are offered breakfast in the classroom each morning as part of the instructional day. In K-6, we have seen a 50% increase in breakfast participation this year.

The food service department utilized over 100% of entitlement funds from the USDA last school year, which helps to reduce food cost by approximately $60,000 per year. This year, the food service director will precept a dietetic intern from UMASS during a 13 week rotation in management and food service. This individual will go on to sit for a national exam to become a registered dietitian.

We look forward to continuing to offer nutritious meals to our students and staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Slattery, RD, LDN - Food Service Director

School Nursing Department Report

During the school year 2019-2020, we have six full time nurses. The ESHS grant ended June 30, 2019. This grant had allowed us to use the money to hire additional nurses to help within the school for assessments and screenings. This September, the school has received a competitive grant from the Department of Public Health, the Comprehensive School Health Services Grant, which has allowed a Care coordinator attendance nurse to be hired to help families with children who have complex medical situations attend school. This is a 10-year grant. With schools in person learning closure due to COVID in March 2020, this position has expanded to outreach for students/families who are having a difficult time with remote learning. Our nursing staff communicated with guidance and administration to identify

those students / families who were struggling with remote learning. Nursing staff also communicated with those families in need of services. In order to prepare families, students, and staff to safely enter school in September, the nursing department worked to develop fact sheets, slide presentations on COVID, and educational videos for students on proper hand washings, safe distancing, and mask wearing. The Nurse Leader attended biweekly conferences with DPH for updated COVID -19 guidance that was then incorporated into school protocols.

Our nurses deal with students who have chronic medical needs, behavioral needs, and neurological issues. We have an exceptional return to class rate of over 92%. School nurses complete mandatory screenings of children, which the Department of Public Health requires such as vision, hearing, height, weight, scoliosis, and SBIRT. Due to COVID, DPH has given schools a one year waiver not requiring screenings if they were not completed by March. There are Automatic External Defibrillator's in each school, with five located in the High School where the coach and Athletic Trainer can bring out to the fields for after school sporting events. The Central Office also has an AED. All school nurses are Heart Saver Instructors. The nurses taught CPR/AED to any staff member wishing to be certified. Currently there are 123-trained CPR/AED staff. All nurses are trained in Narcan administration. In October, we conducted a flu clinic for students with 80 participants. A staff flu clinic was held in October as well with 75 staff receiving the flu vaccine.

Every other year grades 8, 10 and 12 take a Prevention Needs Assessment Survey. This includes questions about substance use and depressive symptoms. It also asks questions about protective factors such as participation in school and community activities and opportunities for prosocial involvement. Our results are compared to county and state results. Schools then decide what intervention to initiate due to the results.

The school nurse leader sits on two community coalitions, Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance and Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together. The school is also part of Drug Free Communities Grant with 6 other schools. The school applied for a SAMSA drug free community grant and has recently heard that we were awarded $125,000.00 per year for five years. The school also has a Wellness committee that meets at a minimum of four times a year. This committee includes administrators, school committee, guidance, nursing, community members and students.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis DuComb, MEd., BSN, RN - School Nurse Leader

Cold Spring School

During the 2019-2020 school year, Cold Spring School provided 200 of the youngest students in the district a high quality, developmentally appropriate education in an enriched and safe learning environment. We believe in educating the "whole child" and renewed our focus on students' social-emotional development.

Our integrated preschool program includes three and four-year-olds and serves as an ideal stepping stone for kindergarten readiness. Currently, there are two preschool classrooms offering morning and afternoon half-day sessions. The full-day kindergarten program for five and six-year-olds consists of eight classrooms. Thirty-two of our preschoolers entered kindergarten in the fall, while one hundred and forty-seven kindergarten students were promoted to first grade.

In October 2019, Family Fun Fridays returned. Families were invited to their child's classrooms twice during the academic year to participate in various games and activities. This special event continued to be well received. Sincere thanks to the educators who provided memorable experiences for our students and their families.

The breakfast program continued to be very popular at Cold Spring School. Students were able to start their day with a healthy breakfast and an opportunity to socialize with peers. Fewer students are visiting the nurse for being hungry at the beginning of each school day.

On March 13, 2020, the district closed due to the COVID 19 pandemic. At that time, Cold Spring School quickly transitioned into full remote crisis learning. The utilization of technology was imperative to continue to educate our students. The district provided families with Chromebooks to support remote learning. The full implementation of Google applications such as Google Docs and Google Classroom enhanced this monumental change. I would like to express my gratitude to the educators, staff, students, and families for their resilience, understanding, and strength during this unprecedented time. We indeed were all in this together.

Before the March closure, Cold Spring School was fortunate to have an extensive Volunteer Program, an active Foster Grandparent Program, and an incredibly supportive PTO. These community organizations and businesses allow us to provide enrichment activities, additional resources, and materials to enhance the students' overall learning experiences. A local bank held a "Back to School" supply drive to ensure students had the necessary items to begin their school year. Families were very generous in providing requested classroom consumables as well. The CSS faculty and staff are grateful and appreciative to collaborate with such dedicated individuals and organizations. Through the efforts, contributions, and service of these individuals and the community, our students had an exceptional learning experience. We are proud to have been able to provide our youngest learners with a solid foundation as they embark on their educational journey within the Belchertown Public School district.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Mastalerz, Director

Swift River Elementary School

The Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2020 school year. Our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment that encourages and celebrates the efforts, interests, and abilities of all students. We continue to focus on increasing student achievement through improving assessment and instruction with scientifically based researched programs and embraced inclusive teaching practices to meet the needs of all students. As a school, we challenge and engage all students in a respectful, positive learning environment that fosters personal, social and academic growth in order to achieve success in a global society. Our values that drive our foundation of learning as a community of learners are six principles, they are: respect, responsibility, relationships, rigor, reflection and resilience. Currently our total enrollment for Swift River Elementary School in grades one, two and three is 444 students.

I would like to welcome our new educators to Swift River Elementary they are Paige DuPilka grade 3 teacher, Cassandra Hancock grade 2 teacher, Gail Whitney grade 1 teacher, formally a title 1 teacher at Cold Spring School, Rebecca Adam school guidance counselor, and JennyKate Marble Library / Media Specialist to Swift River Elementary. These fine educators hired for the fall of 2020 were among many outstanding candidates of a field of over 100 applicants. We are fortunate to have this talent added to our staff. As we welcomed our new educators to Swift River Elementary we had to say farewell to some talented educators moving into retirement. Cindy Fournier grade 1 teacher, Teresa Adam grade 2 teacher, Mary Sharma guidance counselor, Joanna Wellman Librarian, and Teresa DuVernay school psychologist. It is hard to imagine the number of collective year's they have provided to our school community making differences each day they shared their talent with students of Belchertown. We wish them continued success in their future life plans.

From the beginning of March until now Schools all over the world had to adjust to different models of delivering instruction to school age students, including Swift River Elementary. As we learned of the pandemic with the COVID -19 virus a rush to gather, plan, communicate and shift to a delivery of full

remote online instruction introducing a new platform of technology to Swift River Elementary teachers with Google Classroom. During the summer months a task force was created to develop three plans in response to the Commissioner's request to provide mobility in approaches to student learning. The three plans, in-person learning, remote learning and a hybrid approach blending in-person with remote learning were developed and shared with the community. Other needed considerations were addressed by redesigning classrooms, hallway procedures, parent pick up rooms, bus procedure, isolation rooms, signage, ensuring PPE materials, and many other tweaks to adjust to invite students back to school. The rest of the story is still being made and we are all adjusting to a new normal until there is a time to slide back to "how things used to be". There was quick amplification to adjust to online teaching and training, not only was the learning with all school staff, but quickly became apparent to families at home adjusting to online learning. Swift River handed out over 200 devices, chromebooks, to student families and began our journey together. While adjusting, new online software was added to replicate classroom learning such as IXLmath, Epic - ELA reading, Readworks several extensions added to chromebooks, Readworks, all being delivered through google classroom. This instructional model created an increased ability for continuity in our communication from school to home and home to school finding positives in this time of uncertainty.

Over the course of 2020 there has been a lot of planning and restructuring to meet the needs of our students and state requirements. Every school year we review and evaluate the needs of our students and determine educational resources, programming and direct instructional needs. This task came with understanding of budgetary allowances and the ability to work within guidelines to produce high impactful practices and models. Since the school year had a delayed opening this year, staff was given 10 days before student instruction to train, plan and develop protocols necessary to provide safety and rigor in student instruction.

All though we were met with some challenges it did not stop progress working ongoing Swift River Elementary School has been participating in an a Statewide Initiative working with many districts all over Massachusetts by providing workshops, Systemic Student Support S3 Academy team of teachers made up of classrooms teachers, guidance staff, reading interventionist, and administration. Working with the state to develop a wide range of tiered intervention for student support TISS Integrated Student Support (ISS) process designed to support every student and provide an ongoing continuum of support that monitors student achievement and progress in four domains: academics, social emotional, family & community, health.

Our One School, One story community read program is still going strong and has allowed every student in the school to receive two children's literature books each school year that will accumulate into a small library of six books throughout their tenure at Swift River Elementary. This year we did a little modification due to circumstances in sharing materials, our Assistant Principal, Eileen Farrington continued the read-aloud through Facebook showing students the emphasis on reading is still a focus throughout the year. Using a community read-aloud helps foster the importance of reading and encourages a love for reading and a shared community conversation. All families were asked to participate and share their enthusiasm by participating in this school-wide event.

Our technology approach of the 2020 school year has been steadily growing to integrate differentiated teaching practices with real time data to enhance instruction. Our technology in each classroom has expanded for students to research, reinforce skills and progress monitoring to evaluate the effectiveness of instructional strategies being used. We will continue these practices or adjust to provide this same experience through this time. Our teachers continue to attain higher levels of proficiency, integrating technology in their lessons. The variety of technologies used in the classroom are interactive projectors, document cameras, software programs that support skill development for individual learning and reinforcement and now have the ability to work with students in small groups through breakout rooms offered by google classroom during virtual live meets. We are moving forward to prepare for computer based MCAS assessment by receiving 178 new Dell computers that can accommodate the upgrades

necessary for the assessment. This is now mandated throughout the Commonwealth. Every student in grades one through three have received Google accounts to access many technology tools available to them. Students log into their accounts to access the typing club to prepare them in response to prompts and short answer questions necessary for assessments.

Our inclusion classrooms continue utilizing six different models of instructional delivery and furthering their collaborative work through additional professional development. By the school adopting an inclusive design model, all classrooms will reinforce instruction through intervention groups based on a variety of methods that provide the opportunity for differentiated centers that extend/reinforce reading and writing that has been taught in the classroom. We have also implemented many supplementary instruction/materials into our daily math teaching so that we can cover all of the topics covered in the new curriculum map and develop appropriate assessments.

Our Arts Enrichment program is part of our culture at SRE and continues to grow with excitement, now in its sixth year for students in grades 2 and 3. Approximately 140 students in each grade level are participating in the program. The Enrichment Programs have greatly impacted the social and emotional development of all of our students with fewer conflicts and discipline issues that are addressed by administration. We have built over the past several years an assortment of activities all to the credit of our staff stepping outside of the box to explore areas of hands on, inquiry and collaborative exploration. As stated earlier, in the middle of March 2020 our enrichment program became difficult to implement and we set these activities aside for now, but will always look forward to providing opportunities that emulate the work we have done.

Our breakfast program this year was altered this year mostly due to the eating in the classrooms this year based on guidelines necessary to comply with safety protocols due to the pandemic. Our cafeteria staff go above and beyond each day to provide for our students down to the smallest requests. Our Breakfast program continues to stay successful and provides students each morning for a healthy breakfast to start the day. Our nurse supports the cafeteria staff noticing fewer students going to the nurse for hungry tummies.

During the 2020 year Swift River Elementary School responds to both academic and social emotional needs by implementing a framework using principles of our culture building programs, PeaceBuilders, with the added structure of Tier 1 & 2 strategies, which staff are trained by Polly Bath and a curriculum based program approved by the state "Acting with Purpose". All of this is in place and work continues to evolve to create sustainability throughout each year. A Behavior Support Team (BST) continues to develop continuity that connects the entire school to families, focusing on themes each month that represent our value words, kindness, respect, safety and responsibility. Our hope is that we treat everyone in our community with respect and kindness and teach those skills and values for students to carry them forward.

With advice and assistance from the SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2020 were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Heather "Alison" Morra, teacher representative; Sarah Dybizbanski, parent representative, Erica Fisher, parent representative and Jennifer Torna as the community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Robert Kuhn, Principal - Swift River Elementary School

Chestnut Hill Community School

At Chestnut Hill Community School, we are committed to providing all students with a rigorous learning experience in which they acquire the fundamental skills and social awareness necessary for success today and into the future. We continually look for ways to improve what we do so that our students can be prepared not only for the rest of their educational careers, but throughout life.

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted all schools throughout 2020 and Chestnut Hill is no exception. However, I am very proud of the work we have done to uphold our commitment to educating students in Belchertown not only during the initial school closure that began in March of 2020, but throughout the reopening of schools at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Developing the social-emotional growth of students continues to be one of our priorities at Chestnut Hill. We incorporate our RISE values of Respect, Integrity, Safety, and Empathy into all we do. Students participate in activities that reinforce these values throughout the year and they are evidenced in posters and other visual representations as you walk through our halls. To reinforce our values throughout our school, monthly drawings are held to recognize students for their efforts.

In January through March, students at Chestnut Hill had the opportunity to participate in enrichment activities that enhanced the base curriculum and exposed students to various learning opportunities that they may not otherwise experience. There were several 6-week sessions offering various options for students during their recess block. Some of the activities include seasonal arts, 4th grade chorus, Ukulele, Magic the Gathering Club, Coding, Broadcast Club and Chess Club.

On February 14, we recognized National Random Acts of Kindness day and continued our kindness efforts for the entire week following winter break. There were grade level assemblies, special announcements, and various classroom activities that promote kindness.

Beginning with the school closure in March, educators at Chestnut Hill worked tirelessly to provide resources to students and families to ensure that students were provided with various learning opportunities. With the release of the Belchertown Remote Learning Plan, we provided students opportunities to meet with teachers and initiated our Chromebook sign-out program which provided devices for families who needed them.

At the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year, we saw 169 students move up to seventh grade and with the start of the 2020-20201 school year, CHCS welcomed 155 fourth graders for a total of 499 students in grades 4, 5, and 6.

We began the 2020-2021 school year with 10 days of professional development for faculty and staff entitled "Together We Can." This professional development included many learning opportunities including strategies for synchronous teaching, various safety and mandatory trainings, and time to collaborate with colleagues. Based on the Belchertown Reopening Plan, students began remotely on September 10th and with a phased-in hybrid learning model starting September 21st and continuing every 2 weeks until all cohorts of hybrid learning students were in the building.

In December, as part of the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) program, students in grades 4 and 5 watched a presentation and video created by the Belchertown Fire Department regarding fire prevention and evacuation procedures. Throughout the presentation there were various activities, including the creation of an evacuation plan, in which students could participate.

In an effort to make data-informed decisions and provide targeted support to students, the STAR Renaissance Assessments are given to all students in the areas of ELA and Math at least 3 times each year. The data from this assessment is analyzed and used in conjunction with classroom assessments to inform educational decisions within the classroom and across the school. Due to the closure in March,

the spring administration of this test was cancelled. However, the test was administered remotely to all students in the fall.

Thank you to the School Council for their continuous effort in working together to improve our school. This council, which is made up of parents, community members, teachers, and administrators meet monthly to develop and discuss progress towards the school improvement plan. I appreciate their willingness to have open discussions about topics pertinent to CHCS and for sharing their ideas as we work collaboratively towards continuous improvement.

The PTO continues to be a tremendous support for our entire school community. From organizing school events and gifts for teachers to supplementing field trips, we could not succeed without their generous support. My sincere thanks goes to the entire PTO as well as all those who support the PTO for making this possible!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Deb Fitzpatrick, our school nurse. Her dedication to the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is truly commendable and greatly appreciated. Her role as school nurse has changed tremendously during the 2020-2021 school year, and we are lucky to have such an outstanding individual looking out for all of us.

The 2020-2021 school year would not have been possible without the outstanding support of our maintenance and custodial staff. Everyone on this team has worked to ensure that our buildings are maintained in accordance with DESE and CDC guidelines. Thank you!

Finally, I would like to recognize the outstanding dedication of our entire faculty and staff who on a daily basis work to ensure that the experiences of our students are engaging, motivating, and promote lifelong learning. It is my honor and privilege to work with you each day. I also want to extend my appreciation to the entire CHCS community for their support in this very challenging year. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Jennifer Champagne, Principal, Chestnut Hill Community School

Jabish Brook Middle School (JBMS)

2020 has been a year of unprecedented actions by our school district to provide educational services to our students online, and we not only endured the cancellation of in-person instruction, but numerous school events, fundraisers and activities. It has been a monumental task to convert all of our professional practices to an online format, and I am proud to report that the time invested over the past few years integrating technology into our daily practices served us well to confront this challenge.

Jabish Brook Middle School serves the middle school population of seventh and eighth grade students in Belchertown. The JBMS faculty and staff have responded to the educational needs of our students with a balanced approach toward technologies, and have adapted professional practices and modified student expectations in manageable ways to support our students and families to meet these challenging times.

Care packages were created and distributed to every middle school student that provided directions and resources for online instruction, workbooks for students to use while at home, and other materials. A Chromebook was provided for every student who needed one; and the entire supply of available computer devices at the middle school was distributed to students and families in our community so that every student would have access to school.

Google Classroom, a part of the Google Education Suite, provided our online platform for direct communication with our students for much of the past year. While technology has become necessary in providing educational services to our students, balancing technology with hands-on instruction was our

priority, and we have successfully implemented a hybrid approach at the middle school level to service 77% of our students in the school building.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, known as MCAS, which is required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to track student proficiency rates was not conducted during the spring of 2020, and we are making the necessary preparations for this assessment to return in the spring of 2021.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents and guardians of JBMS have come together during these unprecedented challenges greater than ever before to provide the best possible programs and services for our middle school students. It is through this cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS has been able to provide a positive and productive learning environment to our students. I am indebted to our professional faculty and staff for their dedication and commitment to this mission, and to our parents, guardians, students and families for their cooperation and perseverance to support our school community. I am very proud to be part of a community that has worked so hard for the benefit of our students under such circumstances.

We look forward to the continued development and improvement of integrating technology into the classroom, making strides in our MCAS online testing achievement scores, and fostering the overall educational experience for our students.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Thomas K. Ruscio, Principal, Jabish Brook Middle School

High School (BHS)

As the New Year dawned on the early morning of January 1, 2020, the Belchertown High School community had no idea what was in store for us over the coming twelve months. Like everyone, we confronted unprecedented challenges in the form of a global public health emergency and our BHS community responded with uncommon valor.

National School Counseling Week 2020, "School Counselors: Helping Build Better Humans," was celebrated from February 3rd - February 7th to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week highlighted the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Special thanks to Ms. Folli, Ms. Davidsohn, Ms. Lucarelle, and Ms. Frederick for all they do for the BHS community!

On February 6th, Ms. Teixeira, Caroline Hardyn, Ceren Cayan, Members of Art Honor Society, and all of the designers and models held the very successful Project Runway! Our first place winners were Emily Wegrzyn and Althea Saklad. The talent and artistry displayed by all of our designers and models was most impressive.

In February, Ms. Yvonne Bogle, our Anti-Defamation League trainer praised the work of our ADL Peer Leaders and stated that she was so very impressed with our school culture as expressed by our educators and students. She and our other trainer, Ms. Kara McLaughlin, had so many positive comments about all that we do at BHS. Our Peer Leaders - Lexi Bourgeois-Meausky, Haley Bronson, Cameron Burnham, Sarah Cormier, Megan Golenski, Evan Harrington, Danish Humayun, Sam Hunt, Morgan Knodler, Skye Ljungberg, Alexina Laporte, Allyson Linkenhoker, Sophie Poissant, Emilia Swiech, and Jessa Troyhave been trained to educate their peers on recognizing bias and the harm it inflicts on individuals and society, build understanding of the value and benefits of diversity, improve intergroup relations, and confront racism, anti-Semitism and all other forms of bigotry.

At the end of February, Superintendent Cameron visited Belchertown High School to recognize two members of our Nest:

- Ms. Joanna McNeill was chosen as one of the recipients of the 2020 Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award in the Belchertown Public School District! Ms. Fontaine, Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Swiatlowski, and Ms. Teixeira were also nominees from BHS. Special thanks to Ms. Folli, Ms. Holesovsky, Ms. McNeill, and Mr. Vigneux for nominating a colleague for this award.
- Ryland Charron was chosen as the recipient of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' Academic Excellence Award! Ryland Charron was most deserving of this Award! During his four years at Belchertown High School, Ryland had proven to be an outstanding scholar, student-athlete, leader, and person. Ryland, a valued member of the BHS Community, was well regarded by educators and classmates alike. Ryland was always looking to make Belchertown High School and our greater community better places for everyone.

During February vacation, our Swim Team achieved great success in the State Tournament! Our Boys' Team came in third overall and our Girls Team came in eighteenth overall! Nathan Dragon came in first, Matt Stelmokas fourth, and Evan Harrington eighth in the 500 yard freestyle! Chris Chumbley, Nathan Dragon, Aidan Endress, and Matt Stelmokas came in second in the 200 yard medley and in the 400 yard freestyle. Nathan Dragon came in third in the 200 yard IM. Chris Chumbley came in third and Aidan Endress came in seventh in the 100 yard butterfly. Chris Chumbley came in third and Aidan Endress came in fifteenth iin the 100 yard backstroke. Kate Wrona, Elyssa Wrona, Nicole Beaumont, and Alannah Lavoie came in twelfth in the 200 yard medley. Brooke Podsiadlo came in twentieth in the 200 yard freestyle. Alannah Lavoie came in fourth and Nicole Beaumont came in fourteenth in the 100 yard butterfly. Brooke Podsiadlo came in fifteenth and Alannah Lavoie came in twenty-fifth in the 500 yard freestyle. Kate Wrona, Elyssa Wrona, Allyson Linkenhoker, and Brooke Podsiadlo came in eighteenth in the 200 yard freestyle. Brooke Podsiadlo, Allyson Linkenhoker, Nicole Beaumont, and Alannah Lavoie came in twelfth in the 400 yard freestyle. Matt Stelmokas came in fourth and Evan Harrington came in tenth in the 200 yard freestyle. Andrew Marshall, Nathan Wheeler, Evan Harrington, and Jacob Bresnahan came in thirty-first in the 200 yard freestyle.

In March, our Legacy Club held the popular Bob Ross Paint Night. Special thanks to Jena Roseman for organizing the event and to Ms. St. Pierre for providing instruction and advice during the evening.

Joel Gonzalez and Raghav Suryanarayanan represented BHS at the Massachusetts Music Educators Association All-State Festival in Boston.

On Friday, March 13th, we were informed that our educators and students would be teaching and learning from their remote learning nests. From Friday, March 13th - Friday, June 19th, our educators, students, and families rose to this challenge. Safe and comfortable remote learning nests were created! Students and educators remained engaged and enthusiastic in all that was being taught and all that was being learned! Relationships between educators and classmates were strengthened! Our Orioles continued to represent our colors proudly by demonstrating respect, responsibility, and resilience! Our Orioles soared above the rest!

In June and July we celebrated the Class of 2020 in several ways. On Friday, June 5th, a Parade of Vehicles took place. Our Seniors and their families decorated their vehicles as they drove around the Nest to the cheers and applause of their educators who were holding signs celebrating our Seniors!

On Monday, July 20th and Tuesday, July 21st, our Seniors walked the orange carpet, received their diplomas and scholarships and awards, and took photos with their families. It was a wonderful way to recognize our Seniors for their success and achievements!

On Friday, July 24th, the Class of 2020 graduated 164 students from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held on the stadium field with family and educators in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class.

Speeches were given by Mr. Ryland Charron, valedictorian of the class, Mr. Nate Courchesne, salutatorian of the class, and Derel Guntor, president of the Class of 2020. Over $65,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

Throughout the summer, our educators prepared for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Our educators shared best practices with each other as they prepared, personalized, and promoted the new school year.

Google Meets were held with members of the Classes of 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 and their families to discuss the 2020 - 2021 school year. For the first term, our educators and students would teach and learn from our remote learning nests. Beginning on November 9th, the Nest at 142 Springfield Road began welcoming in-person learners from the Class of 2024. Beginning the week of November 16th, in-person learners from the Class of 2021 arrived at BHS. In-person learners from the Classes of 2022 and 2023 joined the 142 next the weeks of November 23rd and November 30th. Our educators continue to provide our in-person and remote learners with a rigorous educational experience.

In December, the following members of the Class of 2021 were recognized as John and Abigail Scholarship recipients based on their performance on the high school MCAS English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science and Technology/Engineering tests by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Based on their high academic achievement they have qualified to receive a four year scholarship upon acceptance to a Massachusetts public institution of higher education including the four undergraduate campuses of the University of Massachusetts, all nine state universities and all fifteen community colleges - Abigail Akodu, Lorelei Banks, Hannah Bolduc, Cameron Bramucci, Nicholas Brunelle, Katherine Calnan, Joah Choi, Maxwell Clift, Kaleigh Cooper, Kylie Corbin, Andrew Cowles, John Cowles, Gavin Cyr, Nicholas DaCosta, Nathan Dragon, Meredith Dulak, Aidan Endress, Hunter Englert, Jake Fish, Kendal Giverson,Olivia Golenski, Sarah Hasegawa-Howard, David Hulmes, Hannah Johnson, Mina Khan, Sara LaFever, Ruby Langlois, Erin Lucas, Mackenzie Marshall, Angela Meehan, Ashley Messier, Natalie Nowakowski, Rebecca Patel, Graham Perlak, Olivia Plate, Abigail Rothstein, Matthew Roy, Benjamin Schrenzel, Robert Silva, Trinity Skutnik, Bella St. George, Matthew Stelmokas, Zachary Stowe-Alekman, Raghav Suryanarayanan, Karl Underwood Olivia Vogel, Maxwell Williams, Monet Williams, Xavier Williams.

Belchertown High School is the very special place it is because of our students, our educators, and our families! Our Nest is one in which all of our Orioles feel safe, valued, and validated!

Since March 13, 2020 right up until today, the Belchertown High School community has shown tremendous creativity, adaptability, and resiliency! I could not be more proud of our students and educators for the relationships that have been fostered and maintained and the respect, responsibility, reflection, and resilience that has been shown as outstanding teaching and learning takes place complete with rigor.

As we bid farewell to 2020, a year whose sadness and loss we are eager to move forward from, the Belchertown High School community looks to 2021 with a new sense of appreciation for the truly important elements in our lives and a renewed resolve to meet whatever challenges may await us in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine M. Vigneux, Belchertown High School Principal

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee is pleased to present this report to the citizens of the nine-town District. In the 2020 state elections, incumbents David Droz (Palmer), Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown), David Kirk (Warren) and Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham) were re-elected. Martin Goulet (New Braintree) was appointed in September, 2020. Kathleen Barrett (Monson) resigned, leaving a still unfilled vacancy for Monson. Members remaining on the Committee are Julie Quink (Hardwick), Michael Cavanaugh (Palmer), Lorraine Alves (Belchertown), William Johnson (Granby), and Marie Barbara Ray (Ware). At the Reorganization Meeting, David Droz (Palmer) stepped down as Chairman, Julie Quink (Hardwick) was elected as Chairperson and Michael Cavanaugh (Palmer) was re-elected Vice-Chairman. Lorraine F. Alves (Belchertown) was re-elected Secretary. The new Student Member of the Committee chosen by the students is Lauren Tracy (Palmer).

Although the format of this report is identical to previous years, the school committee is mindful that the latter half of 2020 was unlike any period in the school's history. Following the closure of schools in mid-March by Governor Baker due to the Corona Virus outbreak, Pathfinder adhered strictly to all guidelines and protocols prescribed by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE), the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the local Board of Health. The school committee ultimately approved a hybrid model of instruction as well as a comprehensive Reopening Plan in the fall which may be found on the school's website: www.pathfindertech,org.

CURRICULUM: Based on the most recent MCAS scores, Pathfinder has continued to improve on narrowing the proficiency gaps. For the third year in a row, Pathfinder has been designated by the DESE accountability rating system as **Not Requiring Assistance or Intervention**, signifying that **moderate progress** toward state set targets was achieved.

Part of the ongoing strategy for District improvement has been the implementation of a Math Enrichment Curriculum for all incoming 9th graders. This course focuses on calibrating compulsory math skills as students enter Pathfinder, with emphasis in the second half of the year on concepts tied to both math coursework and technical content. Additionally, all 10th graders engage in a targeted MCAS Preparation course, reviewing content and test-taking strategies for the spring testing period. For the 2019-2020 school year, all 9th and 10th grade students will be taking a writing seminar. This is a trimester long course that focuses on basic writing skills to assist with raising the level at which students are writing for their English courses, as well as for the 10th grade MCAS assessment.

In addition to honors level courses in all core academic content areas at all grade levels, Pathfinder also offered Advanced Placement coursework in Calculus, Statistics, English Language and Composition, US History, Government and Politics, and English Literature and Composition. In May 2020, 64 students sat for 79 exams. For the 2019-2020 school year, additional Advanced Placement courses were added in Psychology, Government and Politics, and Environmental Science. For the current school year of 2020-2021 Pathfinder has also added AP offerings in Biology, and Computer science. Efforts to increase the higher-level offerings for students are ongoing. In addition to adding several Advanced Placement offerings, a popular new Studio Art program was created. This program is an elective offering that is available to students in all four grades. An experienced art teacher was hired to develop and offer the program in a classroom that was remodeled to serve as an art studio. *The Project Lead the Way* Biomedical Science track has been added to the science offerings, and the roll out of this program will take place over the next few school years.

Curriculum on a whole is continuously being vetted and evaluated to make sure that students are mastering standards that are designated in the frameworks prescribed by the DESE. For the 2019-2020 school year, two pieces of educational software have been added to the curriculum, one for Math, and one for English Language Arts. In math courses, teachers are utilizing *Illuminate Education. Illuminate*

Education is a digital assessment platform, where teachers can build common summative assessments for math courses, after which data can be collected and analyzed to improve instruction. The platform has the same capabilities technologically as the new MCAS 2.0 assessment, so our students can begin practicing with the same style of technology enhanced questions as they will see on the assessment. For English, our teachers have been utilizing a program called *Study Sync* by McGraw Hill. *Study Sync* is a digital curriculum where our teachers and students can deliver and receive their instruction on a computer or Chromebook. The curriculum makes use of all the typical novels that would normally be seen in an English Language Arts curriculum, but moves it into the digital age. It also allows our students to practice responding to questions and prompts more frequently using a computer or Chromebook, which will enable them to practice for MCAS 2.0. Including more electives and pathways in academic areas is a continuing conversation, in order to make sure that the needs of all learners are met. Course progressions in each academic area are being evaluated and discussed in order to be proactive for students and their development.

SELECTED MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS: During 2020, Pathfinder's technical programs received 449 requests for work to be performed.

Advanced Manufacturing
- Designed and machined aluminum cribbage boards for a number of local non-profit organizations for fund raising events.

Automotive Technology
- Performed work on 211 vehicles, resulting in a savings of over $61,000 for members of the community when compared to average industry rates.

Carpentry
- Crafted a variety of items for local non-profit organizations for fund raising events.
- Continued construction of a 20'X35' cabin at Bondsville's Camp Stanica.
- Constructed Pathfinder's Plumbing Program's outdoor underground demonstration area.
- Constructed a shelter at Dufresne Dog Park in Granby.
- Constructed a two car garage for a community member in Monson.
- Renovated and installed new security door for Palmer Fire Department.

Collision Repair
- Repainted a 2015 Ford Explorer for the Town of Belchertown

Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management
- Hosted a Community Justice lunch/banquet at the request of the Palmer Police Department.
- Pathfinder's Culinary Arts Bake Shop filled numerous orders for assorted baked goods for members of the community.

Electrical
- Completed numerous projects in and for Pathfinder's building.
- Performed electrical upgrades at Pulaski Park in Three Rivers.
- Wired a two car garage for a customer in Monson.

Horticulture
- Held annual poinsettia and wreath sale.
- Performed grounds maintenance and tree work on Pathfinder's campus.

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Completed numerous projects at Pathfinder, including preparing for reopening of school in September with COVID-19 precautions.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM: A total of 112 students have participated in the Cooperative Education and WIOA Programs during the 2019/2020 school year. Both programs were suspended from March 2020 thru July 2020 due to COVID-19. Currently a total of 34 students are participating in either or both the Cooperative Ed Program and WIOA. Since July 2020, parents and employers are required to sign a COVID-19 permission slip stating that employers agree to meet or exceed the most current Commonwealth of Massachusetts COVID-19 guidelines for employee safety in regard to students participating in either the Co-Op or WIOA program. If the employer cannot meet the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' COVID-19 guidelines, the Co-Op student is required to return to school.

The Cooperative Education program provides opportunities for paid, career-related jobs in lieu of students' attending their career and technical courses. This real work environment allows students to enhance their technical skills, develop interpersonal skills, and experience valuable lessons in maintaining a balance of both their personal lives, school, and jobs. The Cooperative Education Program is an experience that is rewarded to those students who demonstrate positive attitudes, good attendance, and better than average grades in their technical and academic classes. Partnerships with area businesses, coupled with strong program advisory committees, are a driving resource in placing students in cooperative education employment positions. Pathfinder remains committed to providing students with this valuable opportunity despite the challenges of 2020. The employment of co-op students often leads to full-time employment after graduation and is a valuable resume builder.

In addition to the Cooperative Education Program, Pathfinder is an In-School WIOA Title I Youth Vendor. As a result of this grant award, Pathfinder coordinates and oversees both subsidized and unsubsidized employment opportunities for eligible students during the summer months and throughout the school year. Normally Pathfinder would work to place WIOA participants in employment positions with partners such as the Palmer Library, Silver Bell Farm, and Monson Savings Bank to name a few. However due to COVID-19 restrictions and the challenges of placing students with employers, Pathfinder's WIOA School Year Recruiter and Counselor, Cheryl Sawicki has worked tirelessly to ensure that WIOA eligible students participated over the summer months with positions in the area and on-line learning. Beyond this, Cheryl created a portfolio project for the students so they would be able to participate in the program remotely during the school year. This project has been approved by MassHire of Hampden County and will enhance the workplace readiness skills of the students.

STUDENT BODY AND STUDENT SERVICES: Pathfinder Tech's total enrollment was 611 as of October 1, 2020, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 82; Granby 20; Hardwick 24; Monson 72; New Braintree 7; Oakham 10; Palmer 188; Ware 109; and Warren 38. The remaining students were residents of out-of-district communities, the largest number of students coming from West Brookfield (17) and Ludlow (13).

The Guidance Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—received applications in excess of the 9th grade openings. Transfer opportunities into 10th grade were also limited and a total of 13 new sophomores were admitted to the school.

Due to COVID-19, Pathfinder Tech was unable to host our usual large fall admissions events and outreach activities, but the Guidance Director was in contact with the middle school counselors from each of the in-district communities to ensure that students had access to the most up-to-date information using digital platforms. An exciting and energetic new video was created by a talented Pathfinder Tech junior and provided a glimpse at what Pathfinder Tech students had been up to this fall. The video received praise and created quite a stir on social media! The Guidance Director worked to update Pathfinder Tech's outreach materials to ensure that all correspondence, whether it be in print or electronic format, was fresh, modern, and visually appealing. By December 1, 2020 more than 100 applications had already been submitted.

In 2020 The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society recognized the largest group yet of deserving members, with a total of 53 students meeting the qualifications. The group consisted of 19 returning seniors, three new seniors and 31 new juniors; to qualify, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

Despite the damper COVID-19 put on the traditional graduation season, Pathfinder Tech proudly held a hugely successful modified graduation on June 5, 2020—the original graduation date set for the Class of 2020! The graduating class of 154 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises that spanned the course of an entire day outside on our beautiful campus grounds. Students graduated in waves of small groups and were each able to walk across the stage, dressed in their caps and gowns, with immediate family members cheering them on. Personalized lawn signs were displayed in front of the graduation stage to replicate the Class of 2020 being together as one.

Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder Tech graduates in the form of generous donations. At graduation, more than 50 scholarship awards were presented, totaling over $15,000, not including the numerous scholarships, grants, and awards that individual colleges and universities awarded to our graduates. In addition, 36 graduating Pathfinder seniors received the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship which qualified them to receive free tuition for up to four years at any Massachusetts state institution of higher learning. The school committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder Tech students and staff members.

The staff in the Pathfinder Tech Guidance Department continued to work with students to be college and career ready, but also increased their efforts to support the emotional needs of students remotely when the school building was closed in March. As the Guidance Department is also responsible for overseeing 504 Accommodation Plans, the school counselors work to oversee the plans for the 45+ students served by 504 plans—which involves setting up meetings with teachers, students, and families to update plans and to ensure that the appropriate accommodations are in place.

The Student Services Department is responsible for overseeing Special Education services as well as Social Emotional Learning/Mental Health services. This year the Department has ensured the delivery of services for 168 students on Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). The Department has offered a range of assessment, educational, and counseling services designed to meet the diverse needs of our students. Staff work cooperatively with students, their families, academic and vocational teachers, and service providers in order to assist each student in reaching his/her educational and transitional goals. The Special Education Department provides a continuum of services with instruction taking place in both inclusion settings and in special education classrooms.

The Department continues to offer literacy instruction for qualifying students.

Staff utilize assistive technology, including text- to- speech, speech- to text (voice dictation), and word prediction that assists students in reaching their academic potential. In addition to its investment in assistive technology, the Department also utilizes *Bookshare*, which is an organization that provides books in digital format for individuals with visual and learning disabilities. The Department has also continued to develop partnerships with outside agencies, including the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in order to assist students in their transition to post-secondary life. The Department is also working on improving its transition planning services by identifying - and when necessary developing - transition planning assessments to identify unique student needs as they move beyond Pathfinder.

After the COVID-19-related school closures in March of 2020, the Department worked to develop innovative ways in which to deliver services to students served by IEPs. Some students thrived in this new remote learning environment while others encountered new challenges they had not faced when the school building was open and learning was face-to-face. The Department worked to reduce these challenges by working collaboratively with other departments to ensure access to technology for all students.

Given the consequences the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought on the mental health and well-being of many, the Social Emotional Learning team has been busier than usual attempting to research interventions that might support staff and students alike. Student Services arranged for all school staff to attend several important Professional Development opportunities in the early fall. All staff attended *Trauma and the Brain* and a Social Emotional Learning 101 session; the feedback for both sessions was resoundingly positive and provided teachers with more opportunities to understand their students and themselves as well as how all have been impacted by the pandemic. The Social Emotional Learning Team is also involved in the Social Emotional Learning/Mental Health Academy through the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. This connection provides the team and its leader with professional development and a great deal of technical assistance as they create their short-term and long-term plans.

In addition to these activities and initiatives, the Administrative Team--- through the leadership of the Director of Student Services-- was able to facilitate all 9th and 10th graders' participation in DBT: STEPS-A, which is an evidence-based approach to helping teens skillfully manage difficult emotions, cope with stress, improve interpersonal effectiveness, and make better decisions. This is always important and more so now than ever.

Finally, in response to the overdue nationwide focus on racial justice and inclusion, the Pathfinder Equity Council was formed to assess where Pathfinder is in that regard and what improvements can be made to make the school a welcoming place for all. The Equity Council is a group of interdisciplinary staff members who will be engaging in a book study in addition to obtaining baseline data from the school community with the intention of improving policies and practices to ensure that Pathfinder is engaging in anti-racist efforts.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BY MONTH: In January, 40 students from Automotive Technology, Business Technology, Culinary Arts and Hospitality attended the DECA District 7 Conference at the DCU Center in Worcester. Three Culinary Arts Seniors placed in events: 3rd place Quick Service Restaurant Management, top 5 place in Quick Service Restaurant Management, top-five medal in Restaurant and Food Service Management. Great Clips from Ludlow donated $1,000.00 to the Cosmetology program. The Senior team of Automotive Technology placed 2nd in the Massachusetts Dealer Association State Finals. The Junior team qualified to compete next year. The Quaboag Valley Zonta Club awarded the Girl's Rocket Award to senior Jacqueline Garvin (Business Technology). The CAD Robotics Team785B was a semifinalist at a competition at North Andover High School.

In February, Team 785E was a semifinalist at a competition at the University of Rhode Island. The CAD Robotics Teams 785B, 785E, & 785Z qualified for the regional championships before the COVID-19 outbreak stopped competitions.

In March, Business Technology students attended the Massachusetts Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference. Four students earned the opportunity to compete at the BPA National State Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. All HVAC/R sophomores passed their Section 608 Certification exam at the Universal Level. The Annual Dodgeball Competition sponsored by the Travel Club was held on March 12, 2020. Teams consisted of students, faculty and combinations of both members. The win went to team "Carpentry", an all student team. One of the student teams formed for the Stock Market Challenge led in 1st place out of 1,744 teams. One hundred twenty students with representation from all technical programs attended the *SkillsUSA* District 5 Competition returning with

the following medals: 6 Gold, 5 Silver and 9 bronze, plus 3 State Officer bids. Gold medals went to – the Automated Manufacturing Team, Carpentry, and the Mechatronics Team. March 13, 2020, became our last face-to-face in-school day due to the pandemic shut down from COVID-19. The district quickly transitioned into remote learning. Members of the staff baked 500 cookies for the Palmer Town lunches which were distributed as part of the grab and go lunch program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In April, to highlight student achievement, Awards Ceremonies and Shows took place virtually: 1st Art Show, Senior Spotlight, and Student Awards.

In May, Programming and Web placed 2nd in the Mass STEM challenge held online for a successful recycling project. A Teen Processing Group began as a weekly online program. Faculty delivered Senior graduation materials and awards, to each of the graduating students' homes.

In June, faculty and staff delivered Senior lawn signs to homes of the graduation seniors. National Technical Honor Society Inductees were virtually celebrated on our website. Scholarships were featured in a Slide Show.

At the beginning of the summer in June, Seniors and their families partook in an on-campus graduation which ran quite differently than any other year, and Freshman Orientation was held for incoming students.

In September/October, student elections took place filling the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Student Representative for each class. John and Abigail Adams Scholarships were awarded to 35 seniors. Spirit Days (sponsored by the Class of '21) included a PJ day, yee-haw day, and Halloween costume day.

In November, Business Technology Juniors and Seniors participated in a virtual Stock Market Challenge held by Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts. One team was awarded 3rd place. Mass DOT's 2020 Safe Streets Smart Trips High School Video Contest winner went to Pathfinder Junior, Michael Gilbert. The Student Council Food Drive benefited Valley Human Services in Ware. The Class of '21 held a fundraiser Hat Day. And once again, in December the Class of '21 held a fundraising spirit week that included an ugly sweater day, concert t-shirt day, and a yee-haw day.

ATHLETICS: Softball, Baseball, and Lacrosse were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19.

The 2020 Pathfinder Football team did not have any games during the fall due to COVID-19. The team was able to practice, but could only work on conditioning.

A reduced season has been tentatively slated to start on March 1, 2021. Kevin North, who was a volunteer last season, has replaced Phil Gallo as JV Football Coach. 13 Freshmen joined the team of about 30 players.

The Girls' and Boys' Soccer teams both earned one win in a shortened season (due to COVID-19).

The teams played out of division and were grouped in a regional cluster playing the likes of Palmer, Monson, Ware, Belchertown, Granby, and Amherst.

Boys' and Girls' Basketball have been approved for the Winter 2021 season. Teams will also be playing out of division in a regional cluster including Palmer, Monson, Ware, and Hampden Charter While the major consideration for re-alignment of games in both soccer and basketball was distance and transportation costs, the end result for Pathfinder has been a significant increase in the level of competition.

Wrestling has been pushed back to March 1, 2021 due to COVID-19.

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRACTS

Program Name	Amount	Application
Federal Grant SPED Grant #240	FY 20 $240,291 **FY 21 $242,514**	Instructional and Support Staff, Contractual Services, Supplies, Transition Services and Travel for Supporting Students with Disabilities
Federal Grant Teacher Quality Title IIA Grant #140	FY 20 $23,014 **FY 21 $19,909**	Contractual Services, Supplies, and PD for Improving Basic Programs Operated by Pathfinder
Federal Grant Title I #305	FY 20 $141,183 **FY 21 $139,382**	Instructional and Support Staff Salaries, Summer Bridge Program, Data Team, Professional Development, Social Emotional Learning Team Stipends, Services for Homeless Students
Federal Grant Title IV #309	FY 20 $10,000 **FY 21 $10,293**	Textbooks, Related Software/Media/ Materials
Gene Haas Foundation Secondary School Grant	FY 21 $10,000	Skills USA, Advanced Manufacturing Regional and State Competition.
Federal Grant Perkins #400	FY20 $97,131 **FY 210 $95,148**	Plumbing Instructor Salary; High Quality Professional Development
Federal Grant Perkins #400 Health Grant	FY20 $97,131 **FY 210 $95,148** $3000.00 per year through 2029	Supplies to support school nurse and PD
Federal Grant WIOA	FY 20 $41,606 **FY 21 $44,636**	Student and Support Staff Salaries for In-School Youth Employment Opportunities, Travel and Fringe Expenses
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Safer Schools and Communities Grant	FY 20 $8,696.	Funds from the Safer Schools and Communities Initiative to upgrade 13 Exterior Door Locks. Additionally, funds to purchase Security and Identification Cut Out Numbers, and 12 security locks for overhead doors.
Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant	Round 1 FY 20 $225,000	Funds to continue to create quality pathways in high-skilled, high-demand industry sectors, and to enhance course offerings for students interested in a Biomedical Science and Engineering Pathway.
Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Round 2	FY 20 Round 2 $322,161.00	Continue the capacity building of the Biomedical and Science Pathway Initiative award stated above. The funds from this award will be utilized for Health Assisting and Science Lab upgrades along with the Prototyping and Fabrication Lab.
Corona Virus Relief Fund	**$134,775.**	$225 per pupil based on FY 21 foundation enrollment for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19
CARES Act Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds	**$116,254.**	Funds were used to acquire education technology to facilitate remote learning.
SWIG (School Water Improvement Grant)	**$3000.**	Funds awarded for the procurement & installation of 1 water bottle filling station
Summer and Vacation Learning Program Grant	**$10,000.**	Funds to support a planned tutoring program during February and April Vacation in 2021 to provide an opportunity for students to maximize their attainment of at least a proficient rating on either English or Math MCAS.
Osterman Family Foundation Funds	**$1140.**	Funds to support career development & education activities-focus on PPE for Health Assisting Program for COVID-19 protection.
TOTAL FY 21 GRANTS	**$820,051.**	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: The Summer Youth Enrichment Program was not offered due to COVID-19. Pathfinder did, however, continue to offer an online Academic Summer School program designed to enable students to recover credit needed for promotion or graduation through a four-week, 40-hour course of study. The calendar ran from the last week in June until the final week of July. Additionally, Pathfinder offered in-district students a Vocational Related Summer School credit recovery option that spanned five days and a total of 20 hours.

All of the courses ran virtually this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, including the vocational related courses. Typically, students have the option to come into the building for summer school, but this year in order to limit exposure, it was 100% online.

In total, 62 students from 8 districts completed course work in 86 courses.

FACULTY AND STAFF: Currently the Pathfinder staff consists of 42 vocational teachers, 21.5 academic teachers, 2 teaching assistants, 6.5 special education teachers, 3 counselors, a part-time psychologist, a library-media specialist, a behavioral specialist, a school nurse and 8 paraprofessionals. The school is managed by the superintendent and a group of 8 professional administrators as well as a full-time grants/cooperative education coordinator. Other staff includes 6 custodians, 10 support staff, 2 cafeteria workers and 1 part-time treasurer.

In June, the school said farewell to retirees Mark Thompson and Michael Carr (Social Studies), and Gerard Costello (Electrical). Jackie Grimshaw (Café worker) retired the end of December.

Individuals new to Pathfinder included: Daniel Gifford (Social Studies) and Mandi Burns (Para)

Dr. Paist continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Association for Career & Technical Education, he is one of two Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators (NCLA).

BUDGET AND FINANCE (Pre-COVID Budgets): Prior to the negative financial impact of the COVID Epidemic in March of 2020, the school committee adopted a final FY21 budget of $14,642,301 representing a 1.18% Increase over the previous year. The 1.18% Increase in FY21 also included the fifth and final year of payments on the Total Roof Replacement Project. Subsequently, the majority of Pathfinder's member communities voted approval on their assessments during their 2020 town meetings, thereby approving the FY21 budget pursuant to the regional school budget statute. Please note Pathfinder's preliminary budget increases / decreases over the last 5 Years:

Budgetary Year	*Pre-COVID % Increase*
FY21	1.18 %
FY20	2.23 %
FY19	1.97 %
FY18	0.00 %
FY17	3.92 %

BUDGET AND FINANCE (Budget Adjustments due to the COVID Epidemic): As the negative financial impact of the COVID pandemic worsened during the spring and early summer of 2020, Pathfinder made some decisive budgetary reductions to the FY20 and FY21 budgets. Explanations of the budgetary reductions are as follows:

- **FY20 Budget**: Upon the COVID closure of the district on Friday, March 13, 2020; Pathfinder froze all FY20 spending in anticipation of possible state or local budget shortfalls. Only essential overhead expenses were paid such as utilities, salaries and required contracts. In May of 2020, two priorities arose in regard to the FY20 budget. First, It became clear that the District's Excess and Deficiency Fund needed to be maximized to support the upcoming years' budgets (FY21 Budget and the FY22

Budget) as state and local aid shortfalls were materializing. Secondly, the district committed to returning unspent funds to member communities in an effort to assist them in a time of crisis. At the June 10, 2020 school committee meeting it was voted and approved to return $100,000.00 of unspent FY20 funds back to the member communities. Each town's share of the $100,000.00 refund was apportioned based on the regional agreement.

- **FY21 Budget**: After closing the FY20 budget as described in the previous paragraph, Pathfinder then focused on the reductions needed to the FY21 budget due to Chapter 70 (State Aid) anticipated shortfalls. In early September of 2020, state revenue forecasts began to indicate that Chapter 70 (State Aid) would be level funded from the previous year. Essentially, this meant that Pathfinder needed to reduce its FY21 budget by $174,986.00 to ensure that member community assessments would not increase. At the September 16, 2020 school committee meeting, committee meeting, members unanimously voted to make the aforementioned budgetary reduction to ensure that member community assessments would not increase.

With the changes as described above, Pathfinder's amended budget Increases / decreases over the last 5 years have been as follows:

Budgetary Year	*% Increase*
FY21	-1.22 %
FY20	1.52 %
FY19	1.97 %
FY18	0.00 %
FY17	3.92 %

***Further 2020 Budgetary Information*:** Included in Pathfinder's FY21 approved budget assessment calculation, the Regional School Transportation Reimbursement Rate was estimated conservatively at 70 % based on DESE's recommendations at that time. For FY20, the final Regional School Transportation Reimbursement Rate was 83.9 % for acceptable charges. Any additional funds received were placed in the District's approved Surplus Transportation Aid Account and must be used in the following fiscal year to reduce the District's transportation budget pursuant to Massachusetts General Law.

In the past, Pathfinder has generated substantial annual revenue from the enrollment of non-resident tuition students after all eligible in-district applicants have been accepted. These revenues are used to subsidize the annual operating budgets and reduce District assessments. While the out- of -district tuition revenue has been stable for the last 4 years, we do anticipate a reduction of revenue in FY21 due to out of district tuition enrollment reductions. An FY21 estimate of revenue along with the actual revenue for the last four years is as follows:

Out of District Tuition Year	*Out of District Annual Tuition Revenue*
FY21	$382,000 (Estimated)
FY20	$580,727 (Actual)
FY19	$579,176 (Actual)
FY18	$566,234 (Actual)
FY17	$561,359 (Actual)

As stated above, Pathfinder's Chapter 70 Aid has remained unchanged for FY21 as the state level funded Chapter 70 Aid due to revenue shortfalls in regard to the COVID pandemic. It is Pathfinder's hope that in the upcoming FY22 budget year and beyond, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will make progress on funding the Student Opportunity Act which promised to update the Chapter 70 formula in regard to funding disparities in districts with higher percentages of low-income students or English Language learners.

While the end of the FY20 fiscal year and beginning of the FY21 fiscal year have been challenging, it is Pathfinder's hope that there is light around the corner. With optimism that the current COVID vaccine is

successfully administered and that infections begin to decrease, Pathfinder is steadfastly committed to prudent budgetary practices in an effort to provide a leading edge technical education in the most fiscally responsible manner.

The following chart illustrates the FY21 assessments (voted in September, 2020) to each member community:

ASSESSMENT CALCULATION FY2021:										
	MINIMUM	BUDGET	ADDITIONAL		TRANS-	RETIREE HEALTH	ROOF PROJECT CAPITAL	CAPITAL	TOTAL
TOWNS	CONT.	RATIO	CONT.	3 YR CAP PLAN	PORTATION	INSURANCE	RATIO	ASSESSMENT	ASSESSMENT
Belchertown	$ 801,262	14.81%	$ 164,932	$ 14,972	$ 37,308	$ 47,060	27.22%	$ 35,771	$ 1,101,305
Granby	$ 202,292	3.00%	$ 33,379	$ 4,728	$ 7,550	$ 9,524	8.60%	$ 11,295	$ 268,769
Hardwick	$ 179,738	4.06%	$ 45,160	$ 2,355	$ 10,215	$ 12,886	4.28%	$ 5,626	$ 255,979
Monson	$ 821,497	13.58%	$ 151,187	$ 6,645	$ 34,199	$ 43,139	12.08%	$ 15,875	$ 1,072,542
New Braintree	$ 45,002	0.71%	$ 7,854	$ 931	$ 1,777	$ 2,241	1.69%	$ 2,224	$ 60,028
Oakham	$ 124,228	2.12%	$ 23,562	$ 1,720	$ 5,330	$ 6,723	3.13%	$ 4,109	$ 165,671
Palmer	$ 1,318,353	30.34%	$ 337,717	$ 10,066	$ 76,393	$ 96,362	18.30%	$ 24,048	$ 1,862,938
Ware	$ 833,476	23.63%	$ 263,105	$ 8,999	$ 59,515	$ 75,072	16.36%	$ 21,501	$ 1,261,669
Warren	$ 279,559	7.76%	$ 86,393	$ 4,586	$ 19,542	$ 24,651	8.34%	$ 10,957	$ 425,687
TOTALS:	$ 4,605,407	100.00%	$ 1,113,288	$ 55,000	$ 251,830	$ 317,657	100.00%	$ 131,405	$ 6,474,587

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: As Pathfinder enters its 48th year offering quality career and technical education to our member communities, the school committee wishes to reaffirm its pride in the staff and students. They have made substantial contributions to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

Finally, the committee wishes to thank our legislators, town officials, and the several town meetings for their support over these years. The committee is mindful of the prediction that FY21 fiscal picture will undoubtedly present another challenge. However -- as always -- the goal will be to preserve the quality of education that the students deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Quink (Hardwick), Chairperson
Lorraine F. Alves (Belchertown), Secretary
Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown
Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham)
David Kirk (Warren)
Vacancy (Monson)
Michael J. Cavanaugh (Palmer), Vice Chairman
David Droz (Palmer)
William E. Johnson (Granby)
Marie Barbara Ray (Ware)
Lauren Tracy, Student Member
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER(S)

For the year 2020, all of Belchertown's Veteran's Graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 for their flagging assistance at Mt Hope cemetery, as well as a thank you to Local VFW Post 8428 for their flagging assistance at South cemetery. Help was also provided by a smaller group of Belchertown volunteers due to the COVID 19 virus. Additional flagging was complied with for Veteran's Day on the Town Common.

This year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown CPA Committee. The money was used for gravestone restoration at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione, Veteran's Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Assistant Veteran's Graves Officer

VETERANS' SERVICE AGENT

The year 2020 brought many new challenges the department was proud to overcome. COVID-19 adjusted the way the office interacted with clients as well as the needs in the community. The year continued to provide many opportunities in providing State and Federal benefits to Veterans and their families due to the constantly changing economy and job market. The Veterans' Advisory Board appreciatively provides valuable assistance to my office concerning Veterans' issues and planned Veteran activities in our Town. Additionally, the office partnered with local and state agencies to provide food box deliveries as often as weekly including holiday meals in November and December.

Future plans for 2021 would include: 1) Continue to network resources for our Veterans' and their families in times of crisis or unforeseen circumstances to include food box deliveries; 2) Multiple public informational programs on Veteran topics concerning VA, State benefits, food security and elder care issues; and, 3) Further streamlining the process to file VA paperwork. My office will continue to work with Belchertown residents, organizations, and programs that support our Veterans and their families.

The VFW and my office are still actively accepting DD 214s to place qualified names on the Middle East War Memorial.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Charly N. Oliva, MSW
Veterans' Agent

VETERANS' SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

During 2020, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board was integral in assisting my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown Veterans' ceremonies safely with COVID-19 restrictions. Also, in developing alternative ways to inform local Veterans' of available State and/or Federal veteran programs while maintaining safe distances and healthy protocols.

I wish to thank the Veterans and Select Board Members who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board; your service to the Belchertown Veterans and my office is greatly appreciated. Additionally, I'd like to thank the Select Board and Advisory Board for their hard work in supporting my office through the pandemic.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Charly N. Oliva, MSW
Veterans' Agent

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In the past year, the Zoning Board of Appeals received two requests for Special Permits and three requests for Variances. The Special Permits were approved. All three Variances were granted.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mark Hebert, Chairman
Brian Gibbons, Vice Chair
Jennifer Sharrow, Member
Wayne Versace, Associate Member
Dino Brunetti, Associate Member

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet - All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2020

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Funds	Fiduciary Trust Funds & Agency	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS							
Cash	2,622,912.94	4,208,564.01	(96,550.93)	614,450.38	3,899,819.75		11,249,196.15
Petty Cash Advance	165.00						165.00
Accounts Receivable:							
Property Taxes	471,054.24						471,054.24
Chapter 61	6,134.10						6,134.10
Excise Taxes	258,961.40						258,961.40
Tax Liens	331,433.74			16,850.76			348,284.50
Special Assessments	0.00			2,469,120.19			2,469,120.19
Departmental	614,994.51			425,396.18			1,040,390.69
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(307,285.95)						(307,285.95)
Tax Foreclosures	77,198.81						77,198.81
Lieu Taxes	5,672.42						5,672.42
CPA Surcharge Receivable		4,427.03					4,427.03
Due From Other Governments	1,128,862.87	209,754.79					1,338,617.66
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payal	0.00	125,000.00	1,600,000.00				1,725,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt						8,684,861.98	8,684,861.98
Amt. To be Prov.-Comp. Absence						327,554.24	327,554.24
Total Assets	5,210,104.08	4,547,745.83	1,503,449.07	3,525,817.51	3,899,819.75	9,012,416.22	27,699,352.46
LIABILITIES							
Warrants Payable	602,418.93	117,126.84	10,273.95	93,480.80	5,418.42		828,718.94
Employee Withholdings	1,073,992.70						1,073,992.70
Deferred Revenue:							
Property Taxes	163,768.29						163,768.29
Chapter 61	6,134.10						6,134.10
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Lieu Taxes	5,672.42						5,672.42
Departmental	614,994.51			425,396.18			1,040,390.69
Tax Foreclosures	77,198.81						77,198.81
CPA Surcharge Receivable		4,427.03					4,427.03
Government Receivable	152,605.87	209,754.79					362,360.66
Grant Receivable							0.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable		125,000.00	1,600,000.00				1,725,000.00
Unclaimed Checks	2,465.47						2,465.47
Excess on Land of Low Value	(6,536.80)						(6,536.80)
Bond Indebtedness						8,684,861.98	8,684,861.98
Compensated Absences						327,554.24	327,554.24
Total Liabilities	3,283,109.44	456,308.66	1,610,273.95	3,004,847.93	5,418.42	9,012,416.22	17,372,374.62
FUND EQUITY							
Reserve for Encumbrances	439,637.34	0.00		30,754.19			470,391.53
Reserve for Expenditures	555,684.00	215,569.67		190,860.00			962,113.67
Unreserved Fund Balance	931,673.30						931,673.30
Reserved Fund Balance		3,855,449.62	(106,824.88)	299,355.39	3,894,401.33		7,942,381.46
Title V Septic System Loan		20,417.88					20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	1,926,994.64	4,091,437.17	(106,824.88)	520,969.58	3,894,401.33	0.00	10,326,977.84
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	5,210,104.08	4,547,745.83	1,503,449.07	3,525,817.51	3,899,819.75	9,012,416.22	27,699,352.46

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund Balance Sheet
June 30, 2020

ASSETS		
Cash		2,622,912.94
Petty Cash Advance		165.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	471,054.24	
Chapter 61	6,134.10	
Excise Taxes	258,961.40	
Tax Liens	331,433.74	
Lieu Taxes	5,672.42	
Departmental	614,994.51	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	152,605.87	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(307,285.95)	
		1,533,570.33
Due from Other Governments		976,257.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		77,198.81
Total Assets		5,210,104.08
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		602,418.93
Employee Withholdings		1,073,992.70
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	163,768.29	
Chapter 61	6,134.10	
Excise Taxes	258,961.40	
Tax Liens	331,433.74	
Lieu Taxes	5,672.42	
Departmental	614,994.51	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	152,605.87	
Tax Foreclosures	77,198.81	
		1,610,769.14
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		(6,536.80)
Early Payment of 2020 Property Tax		0.00
Unclaimed Checks		2,465.47
Total Liabilities		3,283,109.44
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Expenditures		555,684.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		439,637.34
Unreserved Fund Balance		931,673.30
Total Fund Equity		1,926,994.64
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		5,210,104.08

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2020

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	602,484.79	7,805.11	385,228.33	228,022.81	(29,174.79)	110,233.01	2,903,964.75	4,208,564.01
Petty Cash Advance								0.00
Due From Commonwealth		209,754.79						209,754.79
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable	125,000.00							125,000.00
Surcharge Receivable (thru FY20)	4,427.03							4,427.03
Due from Federal Government								0.00
Total Assets	731,911.82	217,559.90	385,228.33	228,022.81	(29,174.79)	110,233.01	2,903,964.75	4,547,745.83
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	0.00	63,009.69	4,436.97	7,773.21	4,219.54	309.59	37,377.84	117,126.84
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		209,754.79					0.00	209,754.79
Employee Withholdings								0.00
Bond Anticipation Note	125,000.00							125,000.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	4,427.03							4,427.03
Early pmt of '19 CPA Surcharge								0.00
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable								0.00
Total Liabilities	129,427.03	272,764.48	4,436.97	7,773.21	4,219.54	309.59	37,377.84	456,308.66
Fund Equity:								
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	386,915.12	(55,204.58)	380,791.36	220,249.60	(33,394.33)	109,923.42	2,846,169.03	3,855,449.62
Reserve for Open Space	38,005.37							38,005.37
Reserve for Historic Resources	59,208.00							59,208.00
Reserve for Community Housing	118,356.30							118,356.30
Reserve for Encumbrance	0.00							0.00
Title V Septic System Loan							20,417.88	20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	602,484.79	(55,204.58)	380,791.36	220,249.60	(33,394.33)	109,923.42	2,866,586.91	4,091,437.17

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2020

	Capital Proj. /Equipment	Sewer upgrades	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	(107,889.10)	(790.35)	12,128.52	(96,550.93)
WPAT Receivable		0.00		0.00
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.	1,600,000.00			1,600,000.00
Total Assets	1,492,110.90	(790.35)	12,128.52	1,503,449.07
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	10,273.95			10,273.95
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble				0.00
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant				0.00
Bond Anticipation Note	1,600,000.00			1,600,000.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payable				0.00
Total Liabilities	1,610,273.95	0.00	0.00	1,610,273.95
Fund Equity:				
Reserved Fund Balance	(118,163.05)	(790.35)	12,128.52	(106,824.88)
Total Fund Equity	(118,163.05)	(790.35)	12,128.52	(106,824.88)
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,492,110.90	(790.35)	12,128.52	1,503,449.07

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Enterprise Funds - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2020

	Sewer	Landfill	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS			
Cash	441,405.15	173,045.23	614,450.38
Accounts Receivable:			
Sewer User Fees	425,396.18		425,396.18
Assessments	2,469,120.19		2,469,120.19
Tax Liens - Sewer	16,850.76		16,850.76
Total Assets	3,352,772.28	173,045.23	3,525,817.51
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Warrants Payable	72,750.71	20,730.09	93,480.80
Deferred Revenue:			
Sewer User Fees	425,396.18		425,396.18
Assessments	2,469,120.19		2,469,120.19
Tax Liens - Sewer	16,850.76		16,850.76
Total Liabilities	2,984,117.84	20,730.09	3,004,847.93
Fund Equity:			
Reserved for Expenditure	133,921.00	56,939.00	190,860.00
Reserved for Encumbrance	30,754.19	0.00	30,754.19
Retained Earnings	203,979.25	95,376.14	299,355.39
Total Fund Equity	368,654.44	152,315.14	520,969.58
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	3,352,772.28	173,045.23	3,525,817.51

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Fiduciary Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2020

	Expendable Trust Funds	Non-Expendable Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	2,989,401.21	716,397.83	194,020.71	3,899,819.75
Total Assets	2,989,401.21	716,397.83	194,020.71	3,899,819.75
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	0.00		5,418.42	5,418.42
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	5,418.42	5,418.42
Fund Equity:				
Fund Balances:				
Reserved	2,989,401.21	716,397.83	188,602.29	3,894,401.33
Total Fund Equity	2,989,401.21	716,397.83	188,602.29	3,894,401.33
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,989,401.21	716,397.83	194,020.71	3,899,819.75

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2020

	High School 2001	Land-Everett Fuller, Toppin	Capital Projects 08	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Sewer Jackson St. MWPAT	Sewer Howard St. MWPAT	Energy Savings Project	Route 181 Sewer Project	BSS Roadway	Patrick Center	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS														
Amt to be Provided for payment of debt	3,055,000.00	83,000.00	247,000.00	470,000.00	991,386.50	723,348.48	320,127.00	1,505,000.00	190,000.00	995,000.00	105,000.00			8,684,861.98
Amt to be Provided for compensated absences												85,403.70	242,150.54	327,554.24
Total Assets	3,055,000.00	83,000.00	247,000.00	470,000.00	991,386.50	723,348.48	320,127.00	1,505,000.00	190,000.00	995,000.00	105,000.00	85,403.70	242,150.54	9,012,416.22
LIABILITIES														
Bond Indebtedness	3,055,000.00	83,000.00	247,000.00	470,000.00	991,386.50	723,348.48	320,127.00	1,505,000.00	190,000.00	995,000.00	105,000.00			8,684,861.98
Compensated Absences												85,403.70	242,150.54	327,554.24
Total Liabiliti	3,055,000.00	83,000.00	247,000.00	470,000.00	991,386.50	723,348.48	320,127.00	1,505,000.00	190,000.00	995,000.00	105,000.00	85,403.70	242,150.54	9,012,416.22

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2020

	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	2,402,580.07	304,615.48	2,707,195.55
2022	2,394,683.40	210,335.14	2,605,018.54
2023	856,901.17	114,478.11	971,379.28
2024	869,162.59	78,791.67	947,954.26
2025	490,062.17	61,594.96	551,657.13
2026	487,488.37	44,457.83	531,946.20
2027	489,963.04	27,261.93	517,224.97
2028	222,487.17	15,930.55	238,417.72
2029	124,903.00	11,506.65	136,409.65
2030	125,507.00	8,052.55	133,559.55
2031	126,124.00	4,586.24	130,710.24
2032	95,000.00	1,425.00	96,425.00
	8,684,861.98	883,036.11	9,471,473.09

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2020

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE (TRUSTS)		TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:								
Taxes	28,280,512.88							28,280,512.88
State Receipts	17,821,857.00							17,821,857.00
Excise Taxes	2,152,151.04							2,152,151.04
Lieu Taxes	323,895.61							323,895.61
Licenses & Permits	243,914.06							243,914.06
Interest	207,940.05	20,814.24				77,075.25		305,829.54
Fines & Forfeits	25,389.81							25,389.81
Departmental Revenue	312,770.00	3,321,560.70		1,762,096.29	394,468.29			5,790,895.28
Fees	68,328.00							68,328.00
Rentals	44,235.00							44,235.00
Umass Transit	26,934.00							26,934.00
Other Miscellaneous	176,073.55	132,007.04				1,255.00	5,100.00	314,435.59
Grants		4,053,575.52						4,053,575.52
Performance Guarantees		8,500.00						8,500.00
Gifts		224,359.13						224,359.13
Temporary Loans								0.00
MWPAT								0.00
Bond Proceeds			1,600,000.00					1,600,000.00
Total Revenues	49,684,001.00	7,760,816.63	1,600,000.00	1,762,096.29	394,468.29	78,330.25	5,100.00	61,284,812.46
Expenditures:								
General Government	2,120,647.77	568,442.62						2,689,090.39
Protection of Persons & Property	4,440,676.20	517,469.40						4,958,145.60
Education	30,933,747.09	2,784,994.06				6,600.00		33,725,341.15
Public Works	2,874,298.54	914,698.91		1,196,027.48	309,666.38	2,221.58		5,296,912.89
Human Services	1,024,327.10	224,424.47				8,379.25		1,257,130.82
Culture & Recreation	812,758.71	444,495.55						1,257,254.26
Insurance & Unclassified	5,097,837.05							5,097,837.05
Debt & Interest	2,346,894.61			502,370.83				2,849,265.44

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2020

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE		TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	(Memo. Only)
Expenditures (continued):								
State Assessments	1,612,640.00							1,612,640.00
Prior Year Expenditures	247,907.78			29,437.41	1,199.98			278,545.17
Land Purchase								0.00
Construction								0.00
Equipment			534,055.05					534,055.05
Return of Unexpended Funds								0.00
Temporary Loan			1,625,000.00					1,625,000.00
Total Expenditures	51,511,734.85	5,454,525.01	2,159,055.05	1,727,835.72	310,866.36	17,200.83	0.00	61,181,217.82
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,827,733.85)	2,306,291.62	(559,055.05)	34,260.57	83,601.93	61,129.42	5,100.00	103,594.64
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Operating Transfers In	1,320,152.03	10,785.43	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,278.00	0.00	1,456,215.46
Operating Transfers Out	110,094.44	1,071,534.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	298,000.00	0.00	1,479,629.03
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	1,210,057.59	(1,060,749.16)	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	(197,722.00)	0.00	(23,413.57)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	(617,676.26)	1,245,542.46	(534,055.05)	34,260.57	83,601.93	(136,592.58)	5,100.00	80,181.07
Audit Adjustment *								0.00
Fund Balance 7-1-19	2,544,670.90	3,034,497.00	427,230.17	334,393.87	68,713.21	3,125,993.79	711,297.83	10,246,796.77
Fund Balance 6-30-20	1,926,994.64	4,280,039.46	(106,824.88)	368,654.44	152,315.14	2,989,401.21	716,397.83	10,326,977.84

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2020

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes	28,485,219.00	28,280,512.88	(204,706.12)
State Receipts	17,757,408.00	17,821,857.00	64,449.00
Excise Taxes	2,100,000.00	2,152,151.04	52,151.04
Lieu Taxes	328,000.00	323,895.61	(4,104.39)
Licenses & Permits	235,150.00	243,914.06	8,764.06
Interest	210,000.00	207,940.05	(2,059.95)
Fines & Forfeits	25,700.00	25,389.81	(310.19)
Departmental Revenue	422,600.00	312,770.00	(109,830.00)
Fees	69,700.00	68,328.00	(1,372.00)
Rentals	40,500.00	44,235.00	3,735.00
Umass Transit	25,593.00	26,934.00	1,341.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	80,226.00	176,073.55	95,847.55
Temporary Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	49,780,096.00	49,684,001.00	(96,095.00)
Expenditures:			
General Government	2,243,978.56	2,120,647.77	123,330.79
Protection of Persons & Property	4,544,770.00	4,440,676.20	104,093.80
Education	31,360,256.00	30,933,747.09	426,508.91
Public Works	2,922,780.00	2,874,298.54	48,481.46
Human Services	1,109,595.14	1,024,327.10	85,268.04
Culture & Recreation	855,898.00	812,758.71	43,139.29
Insurance & Unclassified	5,147,912.00	5,097,837.05	50,074.95
Debt & Interest	2,351,520.00	2,346,894.61	4,625.39
State Assessments	1,454,073.00	1,612,640.00	(158,567.00)
Prior Year Expenditures	257,712.12	247,907.78	9,804.34
Temporary Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	52,248,494.82	51,511,734.85	736,759.97
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(1,827,733.85)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	1,318,000.00	1,320,152.03	
Operating Transfers Out	104,278.00	110,094.44	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	1,213,722.00	1,210,057.59	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		(617,676.26)	
Fund Balance 7/1/19		2,544,670.90	
Fund Balance 6/30/20		1,926,994.64	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2020

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	GRANTS School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues:									
Grants	61,403.00	792,608.68	1,420,809.07	546,406.12	394,624.53		837,724.12		4,053,575.52
Collections & Fees	269,326.74		41,713.56	0.00	327,660.31	185,129.07	2,186,501.43	311,229.59	3,321,560.70
Interest	19,129.93			348.38	166.67		335.52	833.74	20,814.24
Performance Guarantees								8,500.00	8,500.00
Gifts			9,136.20	6,294.96			208,927.97		224,359.13
Temporary Loans									0.00
Other					250.00		21,120.00	110,637.04	132,007.04
Total Revenues	349,859.67	792,608.68	1,471,658.83	553,049.46	722,701.51	185,129.07	3,254,609.04	431,200.37	7,760,816.63
Expenditures:									
General Government	176,637.28			199,236.31			159,475.03	33,094.00	568,442.62
Protection of Persons & Property			94,793.73	105,005.29			69,561.93	248,108.45	517,469.40
Education			165,632.69	81,879.07	709,687.60	144,939.15	1,573,693.12	109,162.43	2,784,994.06
Department of Public Works		765,121.65		49,662.00			85,440.26	14,475.00	914,698.91
Human Services			147,892.91	24,587.72			51,943.84	0.00	224,424.47
Culture & Recreation				49,047.13			391,948.42	3,500.00	444,495.55
Debt & Interest									0.00
Total Expenditures	176,637.28	765,121.65	408,319.33	509,417.52	709,687.60	144,939.15	2,332,062.60	408,339.88	5,454,525.01
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	173,222.39	27,487.03	1,063,339.50	43,631.94	13,013.91	40,189.92	922,546.44	22,860.49	2,306,291.62
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In				4,000.00			6,785.43		10,785.43
Operating Transfers Out				2,152.03			1,069,382.56		1,071,534.59
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,847.97	0.00	0.00	(1,062,597.13)	0.00	(1,060,749.16)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2020

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	GRANTS School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	173,222.39	27,487.03	1,063,339.50	45,479.91	13,013.91	40,189.92	(140,050.69)	22,860.49	1,245,542.46
Audit Adjustments									0.00
Balance 7-1-19	429,262.40	(82,691.61)	(682,548.14)	174,769.69	(46,408.24)	69,733.50	3,006,637.60	165,741.80	3,034,497.00
Balance 6-30-20	602,484.79	(55,204.58)	380,791.36	220,249.60	(33,394.33)	109,923.42	2,866,586.91	188,602.29	4,280,039.46

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2020

	WWTP & Other Sewer	Energy Performance Contract	Captial Projects & Equip	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:				
Interest				$0.00
MWPAT				$0.00
USDA Grant				$0.00
USDA Loan				$0.00
Rebates				$0.00
Temporary Loans				$0.00
Bond Proceeds			1,600,000.00	$1,600,000.00
Total Revenue	0.00	0.00	1,600,000.00	$1,600,000.00
Expenditures:				
Construction				$0.00
Equipment			$534,055.05	$534,055.05
Return of Unexpended Funds				$0.00
Temporary Loans			$1,625,000.00	$1,625,000.00
Total Expenditures	$0.00	$0.00	$2,159,055.05	$2,159,055.05
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$0.00	$0.00	($559,055.05)	$0.00
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In			$25,000.00	$25,000.00
Operation Transfers Out			$0.00	$0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	$0.00	$0.00	$25,000.00	$0.00
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	$0.00	$0.00	($534,055.05)	($534,055.05)
Fund Balance 7-1-19	($790.35)	$12,128.52	$415,892.00	$427,230.17
Fund Balance 6-30-20	($790.35)	$12,128.52	($118,163.05)	($106,824.88)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2020

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,472,000.00	1,566,347.57	94,347.57
Sewer Assessments	132,305.00	145,858.72	13,553.72
Sewer Connections	20,000.00	49,890.00	29,890.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	1,624,305.00	1,762,096.29	137,791.29
Expenditures:			
Environmental	1,287,625.00	1,196,027.48	91,597.52
Debt & Interest	502,374.00	502,370.83	3.17
Prior Year Expenditures	34,778.75	29,437.41	5,341.34
Total Expenditures	1,824,777.75	1,727,835.72	91,600.69
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		34,260.57	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		34,260.57	
Fund Balance 7/1/19		334,393.87	
Fund Balance 6/30/20		368,654.44	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2020

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	296,096.00	391,855.70	95,759.70
Sale of Recycling	4,000.00	2,612.59	(1,387.41)
Total Revenue	300,096.00	394,468.29	94,372.29
Expenditures:			
Environmental	310,657.00	309,666.38	990.62
Prior Year Expenditures	1,212.84	1,199.98	12.86
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	311,869.84	310,866.36	1,003.48
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		83,601.93	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		83,601.93	
Fund Balance 7/1/19		68,713.21	
Fund Balance 6/30/20		152,315.14	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance For Period Ended June 30, 2020

	Balance 7/1/2019	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2020
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	$255,298.85		$12,485.83	$8,379.25			$259,405.43	$259,405.43
Whiting Street	$57,727.18		$1,838.05				$59,565.23	$59,565.23
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	$6,009.72		$217.38				$6,227.10	$6,227.10
Calvin Bridgman High School	$17,767.39		$645.01				$18,412.40	$18,412.40
Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	$64,925.56		$1,633.31	$5,000.00			$61,558.87	$61,558.87
C. Schott Memorial Scholarsh	$9,657.85		$201.28	$1,500.00			$8,359.13	$8,359.13
Shumway Scholarship	$1,910.45		$49.28	$100.00			$1,859.73	$1,859.73
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	$2,746.48		$183.08				$2,929.56	$2,929.56
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	$4,538.37		$180.18				$4,718.55	$4,718.55
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	$76,734.48	$1,255.00	$2,117.36				$80,106.84	$80,106.84
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	$64,781.72		$3,821.18	$2,221.58			$66,381.32	$66,381.32
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$1,623.46		$49.50				$1,672.96	$1,672.96
Nellie E. Brown	$2,022.97		$81.99				$2,104.96	$2,104.96
Willard Stebbins	$2,768.46		$115.85				$2,884.31	$2,884.31
Vianna E. Somes	$2,967.24		$88.65				$3,055.89	$3,055.89
Penson Fund	$0.00		$0.00				$0.00	$0.00
Retirement Trust	$0.00		$0.00				$0.00	$0.00
Conservation Fund	$961.05		$26.06				$987.11	$987.11
OPEB Liability Trust	$73,962.49	$100,278.00	$3,644.46				$177,884.95	$177,884.95
Stabilization Fund	$2,337,039.80		$47,388.75		($298,000.00)		$2,086,428.55	$2,086,428.55
Workers' Compensation Fund	$142,550.27		$2,308.05				$144,858.32	$144,858.32
	$3,125,993.79	$101,533.00	$77,075.25	$17,200.83	($298,000.00)	$0.00	$2,989,401.21	$2,989,401.21

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2020

	Balance 7/1/2019	Additions	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance 6/30/2020
Poor Funds:				
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69			512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00			10,000.00
School Funds:				
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00			2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00			6,000.00
Library Fund:				
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00			4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:				
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00			2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:				
Senior Center Memorial	0.00			0.00
Penson Fund:				
Pensions	0.00			0.00
Retirement Trust	0.00			0.00
Cemetery Funds:				
Perpetual Care	171,337.14	5,100.00		176,437.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00			200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00			1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00			1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00			300.00
	711,297.83	5,100.00		716,397.83

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2020

	Budget	Actual		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		Encumbered to FY21
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Selectmen	$15,166.00	$14,918.93		$247.07		$53.33
Town Administrator	$276,019.00	$275,521.38		$497.62		
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	$100.00	$0.00		$100.00		
Cable TV Access	$1,500.00	$1,266.48		$233.52		$160.68
Cable TV Operations	$44,426.58	$44,422.09	*	$4.49		$4.49
tv5 capital	$59,756.98	$59,756.98		$0.00		
Finance Committee	$250.00	$210.00		$40.00		
Reserve Fund	$2,961.00	$0.00		$2,961.00	**	
Town Accountant	$241,060.00	$239,951.48		$1,108.52		
Computer Director	$409,256.00	$365,906.05		$43,349.95		$24,278.78
Assessors	$352,640.00	$343,722.67		$8,917.33		$80.00
Treasurer/Collector	$337,805.00	$325,238.72		$12,566.28		$6,610.00
Law Account	$85,300.00	$55,269.15		$30,030.85		$741.00
Town Clerk	$160,737.00	$156,228.74		$4,508.26		$1,310.79
Election & Registration	$40,100.00	$23,328.41		$16,771.59		
Conservation Commission	$87,740.00	$87,740.00		$0.00		
Pioneer Valley Planning	$2,424.00	$2,423.09		$0.91		
Planning Board	$106,512.00	$106,205.25		$306.75		
Zoning Board of Appeals	$3,250.00	$2,491.03		$758.97		
EDIC	$375.00	$375.00		$0.00		
Agricultural Commission	$500.00	$0.00		$500.00		
Lakes Committee	$14,000.00	$14,000.00		$0.00		
Mobile Home Rent Control	$100.00	$0.00		$100.00		
Printing Town Report	$2,000.00	$1,672.32		$327.68		
	$2,243,978.56	$2,120,647.77		$123,330.79		$33,239.07
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY						
Police Department	$2,397,826.00	$2,330,699.31		$67,126.69		$5,685.28
Fire/EMS Department	$1,792,206.00	$1,784,087.40		$8,118.60		$1,594.90
Hydrant Service	$27,956.00	$27,956.00		$0.00		
Injured on Duty	$8,000.00	$0.00		$8,000.00		
Regional Lockup Assessment	$13,917.00	$13,917.00		$0.00		
Inspection Services	$188,495.00	$173,014.50		$15,480.50		
Civil Defense	$1,560.00	$650.00		$910.00		
Dog Officer	$114,810.00	$110,351.99		$4,458.01		$767.12
	$4,544,770.00	$4,440,676.20		$104,093.80		$8,047.30
EDUCATION						
Town Schools	$30,013,376.00	$29,605,360.09	*	$408,015.91		$360,759.36
Regional School	$1,346,880.00	$1,328,387.00		$18,493.00		
	$31,360,256.00	$30,933,747.09		$426,508.91		$360,759.36

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY21
PUBLIC WORKS				
Personal Services	$913,509.00	$899,313.86	$14,195.14	$60.00
Professional Engineering	$130,000.00	$108,787.47	$21,212.53	$21,118.99
Administration	$20,570.00	$20,009.53	$560.47	
Snow & Ice Control	$242,000.00	$238,262.18 *	$3,737.82	
Street Lighting	$36,700.00	$35,322.12	$1,377.88	$1,080.00
Road Machinery	$189,500.00	$189,331.23	$168.77	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	$160,900.00	$160,900.00	$0.00	
Town Garage	$37,060.00	$36,996.91	$63.09	
Hired Services	$342,000.00	$341,985.16	$14.84	
Maintenance/Grounds	$502,020.00	$499,454.46	$2,565.54	$2,318.80
Lawrence Memorial Hall	$56,070.00	$56,070.00	$0.00	
Finnerty House	$7,930.00	$7,857.66	$72.34	
EMS Building	$7,210.00	$6,500.64	$709.36	
Police Station	$51,970.00	$51,324.50	$645.50	
Senior Center Building	$49,720.00	$48,949.79	$770.21	
Recreation Building	$20,150.00	$19,450.95	$699.05	
Freedom Center	$18,940.00	$18,895.32	$44.68	
Fam Ctr/Franklin School Buildir	$10,700.00	$10,636.99	$63.01	
Fire Station	$40,790.00	$40,076.34	$713.66	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	$27,341.00	$27,304.63	$36.37	
Animal Control Building	$10,925.00	$10,671.85	$253.15	
Old Town Hall	$7,425.00	$7,396.95	$28.05	
Town Common	$5,550.00	$5,550.00	$0.00	
Town Clock	$600.00	$600.00	$0.00	
Cemetery Department	$33,200.00	$32,650.00	$550.00	
	$2,922,780.00	$2,874,298.54	$48,481.46	$24,577.79
HUMAN SERVICES				
Board of Health	$50,391.00	$33,701.68	$16,689.32	$24.18
Quabbin Health District	$169,880.14	$169,880.14	$0.00	
Council on Aging	$552,730.00	$522,536.00	$30,194.00	
Veterans' Services	$336,594.00	$298,209.28	$38,384.72	
	$1,109,595.14	$1,024,327.10	$85,268.04	$24.18
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Clapp Memorial Library	$524,815.00	$505,829.09	$18,985.91	
Recreation Department	$294,390.00	$292,749.65	$1,640.35	
Recreation - Pool	$33,125.00	$11,871.31	$21,253.69	
Town Beach	$2,420.00	$2,027.66	$392.34	
Historical Commission	$500.00	$281.00	$219.00	
Historic District	$348.00	$0.00	$348.00	
Patriotic Exercises	$300.00	$0.00	$300.00	
	$855,898.00	$812,758.71	$43,139.29	$0.00

Town of Belchertown
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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY21
INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED				
Unclassified	$57,150.00	$53,171.12	$3,978.88	
Council of Governments	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Pensions	$3,180,707.00	$3,180,707.00	$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	$8,000.00	$2,669.30	$5,330.70	
Unemployment	$20,000.00	$11,329.70	$8,670.30	$8,670.30
Health Insurance-Town Share	$1,264,120.00	$1,264,089.44	$30.56	
Group Life-Town Share	$4,548.00	$2,790.20	$1,757.80	
Medicare-Town Share	$125,000.00	$116,599.41	$8,400.59	
General Insurance	$412,880.00	$410,124.00	$2,756.00	$2,756.00
One-time/Capital	$74,922.00	$55,772.00	$19,150.00	
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	$585.00	$584.88	$0.12	
	$5,147,912.00	$5,097,837.05	$50,074.95	$11,426.30
DEBT & INTEREST				
Maturing Debt	$2,000,000.00	$2,000,000.00	$0.00	
Interest	$351,520.00	$346,894.61	$4,625.39	
	$2,351,520.00	$2,346,894.61	$4,625.39	$0.00
ENCUMBERED FUNDS				
General Government	$20,335.08	$19,177.14	$1,157.94	
Protection of Persons & Prop.	$1,950.72	$1,950.72	$0.00	
School Department	$81,903.95	$74,820.89	$7,083.06	
Public Works	$36,331.48	$34,768.14	$1,563.34	$1,563.34
Unclassified	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Human Services	$382.89	$382.89	$0.00	
Culture & Recreation	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Capital & one time	$116,808.00	$116,808.00	$0.00	
	$257,712.12	$247,907.78	$9,804.34	$1,563.34

Town of Belchertown
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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY21
SUMMARY				
General Government	$2,243,978.56	$2,120,647.77	$123,330.79	$33,239.07
Protection of Persons/Property	$4,544,770.00	$4,440,676.20	$104,093.80	$8,047.30
Education	$31,360,256.00	$30,933,747.09	$426,508.91	$360,759.36
Public Works	$2,922,780.00	$2,874,298.54	$48,481.46	$24,577.79
Human Services	$1,109,595.14	$1,024,327.10	$85,268.04	$24.18
Culture & Recreation	$855,898.00	$812,758.71	$43,139.29	$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	$5,147,912.00	$5,097,837.05	$50,074.95	$11,426.30
Debt & Interest	$2,351,520.00	$2,346,894.61	$4,625.39	$0.00
	$50,536,709.70	$49,651,187.07	$885,522.63	$438,074.00
Encumbered Funds	$257,712.12	$247,907.78	$9,804.34	$1,563.34
TOTALS	$50,794,421.82	$49,899,094.85	$895,326.97	$439,637.34

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FISCAL 2017 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019			$	412.05
COLLECTED	$	412.05		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	-		
	$	412.05	$	412.05
FISCAL 2018 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	18,489.96
COLLECTED	$	18,489.96		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	-		
	$	18,489.96	$	18,489.96
FISCAL 2019 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	378,651.24
TO TAX TITLE	$	28,139.81		
COLLECTED	$	320,957.46		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	29,553.97		
	$	378,651.24	$	378,651.24
REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2019				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	7,785.33
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	24,866.51
REFUNDED			$	76.54
ABATED	$	1,823.62		
COLLECTED	$	30,904.76		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	-		
	$	32,728.38	$	32,728.38
FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2020				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	13,385,243.38
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	14,382,877.05
REFUNDED			$	61,810.88
ABATED	$	156,270.26		
COLLECTED	$	27,250,545.46		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	423,115.59		
	$	27,829,931.31	$	27,829,931.31
FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2021				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	14,112,766.69
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	14,112,766.69		
	$	14,112,766.69	$	14,112,766.69
REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2020				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	71,608.63
COLLECTED	$	53,893.28		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	17,715.35		
	$	71,608.63	$	71,608.63
2015 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019			$	6,020.86
COLLECTED	$	973.45		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	5,047.41		
	$	6,020.86	$	6,020.86
2016 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	7,627.55
COLLECTED	$	1,903.34		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	5,724.21		
	$	7,627.55	$	7,627.55

CPA 2018				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	139.32
COLLECTED	$	139.32		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	-		
	$	139.32	$	139.32
CPA 2019				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019			$	2,892.02
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	343.52
REFUNDED			$	1.15
TO TAX TITLE	$	125.89		
ABATED	$	34.52		
COLLECTED	$	2,978.94		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	97.34		
	$	3,236.69	$	3,236.69
CPA 2020				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	127,503.01
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	143,401.17
REFUNDED			$	156.58
ABATED	$	2,245.78		
COLLECTED	$	265,532.20		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	3,282.78		
	$	271,060.76	$	271,060.76
CPA 2021				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	137,318.27
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	137,318.27		
	$	137,318.27	$	137,318.27
2019 SEWER CHARGES				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019			$	435,007.12
REFUNDED			$	3,840.62
TO SEWER LIEN	$	63,625.23		
ABATED	$	419.50		
COLLECTED	$	374,803.01		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	-		
	$	438,847.74	$	438,847.74
2019 SEWER LIENS				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019			$	783.18
COLLECTED	$	783.18		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	-		
	$	783.18	$	783.18
2020 SEWER CHARGES				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	1,540,079.51
COLLECTED	$	1,124,678.29		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	415,401.22		
	$	1,540,079.51	$	1,540,079.51
2020 SEWER LIENS				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	69,980.57
COLLECTED	$	59,985.61		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	9,994.96		
	$	69,980.57	$	69,980.57
FISCAL 2015 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	2,132.30
COLLECTED	$	2,132.30		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	-		
	$	2,132.30	$	2,132.30

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2017 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	15,726.72
REFUNDED			$	1,316.87
ABATED	$	1,323.75		
COLLECTED	$	4,965.56		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	10,754.28		
	$	17,043.59	$	17,043.59
2018 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019			$	30,130.79
REFUNDED			$	2,135.51
ABATED	$	2,111.76		
COLLECTED	$	15,270.22		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	14,884.32		
	$	32,266.30	$	32,266.30
2019 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	181,886.87
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	225,242.74
REFUNDED			$	23,429.41
ABATED	$	37,560.47		
COLLECTED	$	360,603.45		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	32,395.10		
	$	430,559.02	$	430,559.02
2020 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	1,959,285.29
REFUNDED			$	8,940.82
ABATED	$	68,314.22		
COLLECTED	$	1,709,755.81		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	190,156.08		
	$	1,968,226.11	$	1,968,226.11
2019 TRILAKES BETT				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	1,950.58
COLLECTED	$	1,950.58		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	-		
	$	1,950.58	$	1,950.58
2020 TRILAKES BETT				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	132,399.43
COLLECTED	$	129,388.04		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	3,011.39		
	$	132,399.43	$	132,399.43
TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019			$	652,423.55
COMMITTED INT IN ADVANCE			$	55.10
APPORTIONED FY20 RE	$	129,169.71		
COLLECTED	$	14,520.10		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	508,788.84		
	$	652,478.65	$	652,478.65
MISCELLANEOUS REC.				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019				5791.96
COMMITTED				33535.87
COLLECTED	$	27,521.31		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	11,806.52		
	$	75,497.06	$	75,497.06

FISCAL 2016 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	1,982.45
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	1,982.45		
	$	1,982.45	$	1,982.45
FISCAL 2017 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	1,919.37
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	1,919.37		
	$	1,919.37	$	1,919.37
FISCAL 2018 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	2,136.60
ABATED	$	306.69		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	1,829.91		
	$	2,136.60	$	2,136.60
FISCAL 2019 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019			$	6,679.94
ABATED	$	627.95		
COLLECTED	$	3,020.16		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	3,031.83		
	$	6,679.94	$	6,679.94
FISCAL 2020 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	332,564.10
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	341,650.25
REFUNDED			$	1,134.98
ABATED	$	300.35		
COLLECTED	$	665,427.86		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	9,621.12		
	$	675,349.33	$	675,349.33
FISCAL 2021 PERS PROP				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	356,061.23
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020	$	356,061.23		
	$	356,061.23	$	356,061.23
COMSTAR				
AMBULANCE ACCOUNT				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019			$	557,594.96
COMMITTED FOR COLL.			$	2,968,056.59
REFUNDED			$	686.05
ABATED	$	2,053,861.04		
COLLECTED	$	875,197.40		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020	$	597,279.16		
	$	3,526,337.60	$	3,526,337.60

TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR		
JULY 1, 2019- JUNE 30,2020		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	$	32,601,054.27
AMBULANCE ACCT	$	875,197.40
TOTAL	$	33,476,251.67
TAXES,LIENS,EXCISES	$	32,175,327.06
INTEREST/FEES	$	156,844.14
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS	$	2,407.45
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT/INT	$	268,883.07
AMBULANCE ACCT	$	875,197.40
TOTAL	$	33,478,659.12

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
JULY 1, 2019- JUNE 30,2020

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2019	$	11,391,302.93	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	$	71,223,172.88
RECEIPTS	$	71,081,066.10	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2020	$	11,249,196.15
	$	82,472,369.03		$	82,472,369.03

INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND $ 89,134.16

ACCOUNT		TRUST FUNDS BALANCE 7/1/2019	AND DEPOSITS	SPECIAL ACCOUNTS INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D	BALANCE 6/30/2020
SCHOOL FUNDS						
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	$	23,767.39		$ 645.01		$ 24,412.40
GEORGE LONGLEY	$	8,009.72		$ 217.38		$ 8,227.10
TAX SCHOLARSHIP	$	9,970.82	$ 4,257.45	$ 18.23	$ (3,000.00)	$ 11,246.50
LILLIAN MOFFATT SCHOLARSHIP	$	64,925.56		$ 1,633.31	$ (5,000.00)	$ 61,558.87
CAROLYN SCHOTT SCHOLARSHIP	$	9,657.85		$ 201.28	$ (1,500.00)	$ 8,359.13
SHUMWAY SCHOLARSHIP	$	1,910.45		$ 49.28	$ (100.00)	$ 1,859.73
CEMETERY FUNDS						
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$	1,823.46		$ 49.50		$ 1,872.96
WILLARD STEBBINS	$	4,268.46		$ 115.85		$ 4,384.31
VIANNA SOMES	$	3,267.24		$ 88.65		$ 3,355.89
NELLIE BROWN	$	3,022.97		$ 81.99		$ 3,104.96
PERPETUAL CARE	$	236,118.86	$ 5,100.00	$ 3,821.18		$ 245,040.04
POOR FUNDS						
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$	768,859.54		$ 13,923.58	$ (10,517.00)	$ 772,266.12
WHITING STREET	$	67,727.18		$ 1,838.05		$ 69,565.23
MISC FUNDS						
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	$	6,638.37		$ 180.18		$ 6,818.55
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	$	6,746.48		$ 183.08		$ 6,929.56
CONSERVATION	$	961.05		$ 26.06		$ 987.11
SENIOR CENTER	$	76,734.48	$ 990.00	$ 2,117.36		$ 79,841.84
STABILIZATION FUND	$	2,337,039.80		$ 47,388.75	$ (298,000.00)	$ 2,086,428.55
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	$	142,550.27		$ 2,308.05		$ 144,858.32
DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNT	$	11,623.81	$ 2,277.04	$ 146.95	$ (6,375.14)	$ 7,672.66
CULTURAL COUNCIL	$	16,953.82	$ 15,441.95	$ 348.38	$ (18,425.35)	$ 14,318.80
OPEB	$	73,962.49	$ 100,278.00	$ 3,644.46		$ 177,884.95
TOTALS	**$**	**3,876,540.07**	**$ 128,344.44**	**$ 79,026.56**	**$ (342,917.49)**	**$ 3,740,993.58**

FOOTNOTE: It is the policy of this office based on the request of the Town's financial audit firm that we record to the market values of the investments in our portfolio. As interest rates continue to rise the market value tends to track lower than the redemption value. Position and account values shown are based on trade date and do not necessarily reflect the actual current market prices or redemption value at the time of sale.

Over 87% of the Town's investments are held in fixed income products and all investments are made in compliance of M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec. 54, Sec. 55, 55B and M.G.L. Ch. 32B, Sec 20

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
JULY 1, 2019- JUNE 30,2020

NOTE & PURPOSE	FUNDS BORROWED DURING FROM	THE PERIOD DATED	JULY 1, 2019- JUNE 30, 2020 AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
#1000- FY2019 CAPITAL PRJECTS	T D BANK	10/30/2019	$ 1,500,000.00	10/30/2020	1.67%
#1001-PARSONS FIELD/ N WASH ST LAND	GREENFIELD COOPERATIVE BANK	6/5/2020	$ 225,000.00	6/4/2021	1.24%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER
TOWN TREASURER

TOWN CLERK
2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	1050.00	800.00	646.00	458.00	600.00	1518.00	710.00	1248.00	788.00	840.00	1140.00	840.00	10638.00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	150.00	90.00	60.00	90.00	180.00	150.00	180.00	420.00	240.00	150.00	150.00	120.00	1980.00
BOARD OF APPEALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
BURIAL PERMIT	75.00	15.00	35.00	45.00	45.00	120.00	30.00	45.00	75.00	45.00	60.00	150.00	740.00
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	440.00	520.00	160.00	0.00	120.00	80.00	40.00	120.00	220.00	40.00	240.00	320.00	2300.00
CIVIL DISPOSITION MGL94C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
POSTAGE DOG LICENSE	226.00	150.00	30.00	24.00	20.00	20.00	38.00	13.00	19.00	10.00	9.00	533.00	1092.00
ONLINE DOG LICENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ONLINE DOG FINES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADMIN. FEE ONLINE LIC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DOG FINES	0.00	1224.00	1673.00	426.00	465.00	403.00	50.00	330.00	230.00	137.00	30.00	0.00	4968.00
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	0.00	20.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00
DOG LICENSE	8872.00	4934.00	1295.00	434.00	330.00	354.00	126.00	198.00	352.00	162.00	87.00	6789.00	23933.00
DOG GIFT FUND	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION	0.00	2050.00	75.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	2350.00
HISTORICAL APPLICATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PARKING CITATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	40.00
PLANNING BOARD FEE	1350.00	600.00	0.00	575.00	650.00	875.00	0.00	275.00	625.00	200.00	425.00	1293.00	6868.00
POLE ORDER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	240.00
RAFFLE PERMIT	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	0.00	105.00
STREET LIST BK/DISK	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	140.00
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
MSC SALES	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.00
TOTAL	12184.00	10853.00	3989.00	2263.00	2425.00	3585.00	1559.00	2719.00	2574.00	1749.00	2191.00	10150.00	56241.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK
2020 VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

Place	Male	Female
Boston		1
Greenfield		1
Northampton	11	12
Springfield	37	43
Worcester		1
Non Birthing Hospital		1
	48	59

MARRIAGES:

	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	37	36
Non-Resident	26	27

Married in Belchertown	37
Married Out-of-Town	26

DEATHS:

	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	70	61
Non-Resident	1	4
	71	65

Place of Death:

Agawam	2	Holyoke	5
Amherst	5	Palmer	16
Belchertown	52	Pittsfield	1
Boston	1	South Hadley	4
Chicopee	2	Springfield	31
Fairhaven	1	Ware	2
Hadley	5	West Brookfield	3
Hampden	1	Wilbraham	4
		Worcester	1

Presidential Primary
March 3, 2020
Belchertown, MA

DEMOCRAT		PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Presidential Preference	Deval Patrick	0	1	2	1	4
(Vote for One)	Amy Klobuchar	7	6	8	8	29
	Elizabeth Warren	219	164	143	266	792
	Michael Bennet	0	0	1	1	2
	Michael R. BloomBerg	72	61	59	64	256
	Tulsi Gabbard	8	6	4	9	27
	Cory Booker	0	0	0	0	0
	Julian Castro	0	0	0	0	0
	Tom Steyer	3	0	0	1	4
	Bernie Sanders	251	226	217	318	1012
	Joseph R. Biden	277	188	280	252	997
	John K. Delaney	0	0	0	0	0
	Andrew Yang	1	0	1	2	4
	Pete Buttigieg	25	31	20	18	94
	Marianne Williamson	0	0	0	1	1
	No Preference	2	0	3	2	7
	Blanks	0	0	3	0	3
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	2	0	3
Total		865	684	743	943	3235
State Committee Man						
(Vote for One)	Bruce Samuel Adams,	547	435	481	561	2024
	Blanks	318	249	261	373	1201
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	9	10
Total		865	684	743	943	3235
State Committee Woman						
(Vote for One)	Marygail B. Cokkinias	565	446	481	572	2064
	Banks	300	238	257	370	1165
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	5	1	6
Total		865	684	743	943	3235
Town Committee Group	Group	373	272	320	376	1341
	Blanks	492	412	423	561	1888
Total		865	684	743	937	3229
Town Committee						
(Vote for no more than 35)	Kenneth E. Elstein	446	329	373	496	1644
	James E. Brown	406	300	354	406	1466
	Cara Lynne Lapenas	411	315	358	413	1497
	Carla H. Dell"olio	418	305	374	416	1513
	Maryellen O'Reilly-Brac	427	308	356	429	1520
	Michael J. Potishnak	382	291	333	412	1418
	Frances Johnson Sout	392	289	334	416	1431
	James W. Walker	384	287	335	412	1418
	Diane O. Brown	434	332	375	425	1566
	Karen A. Chrisman	395	288	333	431	1447
	Edwina J. Cruise	391	291	335	438	1455
	Francesco Dell'Olio	398	296	360	405	1459
	James Gambaro	404	293	342	418	1457

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Town Committee (cont'd)	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Lynette Marie Knapp	414	331	354	418	1517
	Michael James Knapp	412	337	360	421	1530
	Cynthia Loiselle	405	291	338	409	1443
	Terry S. Nagel	426	302	356	412	1496
	Elizabeth A. Pols	396	294	337	447	1474
	Victor G. Robidoux	393	287	332	393	1405
	Randi B. Shenkman	432	329	370	430	1561
	Sean Cleary	1	0	0	0	1
	Michele Chmura	2	0	0	0	2
	Christopher Shea	1	0	0	0	1
	Christopher Higgins	1	0	0	0	1
	Sundry Write-ins	8	6	5	4	23
Total		8179	6101	7014	8451	29745
		PRECINCTS				
REPUBLICAN	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
OFFICE	William F. Weld	18	15	18	12	63
Presidential Preference	Joe Walsh	1	0	1	1	3
(Vote for One)	Donald J. Trump	106	124	150	82	462
	Roque "Rocky" De La I	2	0	0	0	2
	No Preference	0	0	4	1	5
	Blanks	1	1	0	2	4
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	2	0	2
Total		128	140	175	98	541
State Committee Man	Sidney M Starks	71	59	73	42	245
(Vote for One)	Douglas D. Lyman	35	59	69	45	208
	Blanks	21	22	32	10	85
	Sundry Write-ins	1	0	1	1	3
Total		128	140	175	98	541
		A	B	C	D	
State Committee Woman	Deborah L. Martell	90	101	125	76	392
(Vote for One)	Blanks	37	38	50	20	145
	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	0	2	4
Total		128	140	175	98	541
Town Committee	Gerald Grasso	0	0	3	1	4
(Vote for no more than 35)	Patricia Grasso	0	0	3	1	4
	Kathleen Grasso	0	0	3	1	4
	Stacia Salvatore Roy	0	0	3	1	4
	Richard Barry	0	0	3	0	3
	Edward Knight	0	0	3	3	6
	Marycatherine Knight	0	0	3	3	6
	Raymond Janke	0	0	3	3	6
	Cynthia Janke	0	0	3	3	6
	John S. Cooper	1	0	0	0	1
	Ronald Aponte	0	0	0	2	2
	Linda McCarthy	0	0	0	2	2

Town Committee (cont'd)	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Robert Bergendahl	0	0	1	0	1
	Sundry Write-ins	1	10	42	35	88
Total		2	10	70	55	137
GREEN-RAINBOW						
Presidential Preference	Dario Hunter	0	0	0	0	0
(vote for one)	Sedinam Kinamo Christe	1	0	1	1	3
	Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0	0
	Howard Hawkins	0	0	1	0	1
	No Preference	0	0	1	1	2
	Blanks	0	0	0	1	1
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL		1	0	4	4	9
State Committee Man	Blanks	1	0	4	4	9
(vote for one)	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		1	0	4	4	9
State Committee Woman	Blanks	1	0	3	4	8
(vote for one)	Sundry-Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL		1	0	4	4	9
Town Committee						
(vote for 10)	Blanks	10	0	39	30	79
	Sundry-Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1
	TOTAL	10	0	40	30	80
	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
LIBERTARIAN	**Presidential Preference**					
OFFICE	Arvin Vohra	0	0	0	1	1
	Vermin Love Supreme	1	0	0	0	1
	Jacob George Hornber	0	3	0	0	3
	Samuai Joseph Robb	0	0	0	0	0
	Dan Taxatation Is Thef	1	1	0	0	2
	Kimberly Margaret Ruf	0	1	0	0	1
	Kenneth Reed Armstro	0	0	0	0	0
	Adam Kokesh	0	0	0	0	0
	Jo Jorgensen	1	0	0	0	1
	Max Abramson	0	0	0	0	0
	No Preference	2	3	1	0	6
	Blanks	0	0	0	3	3
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	0	0	1
Total		5	9	1	4	19
State Committee Man	Blanks	4	8	1	4	17
(Vote for one)	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	0	0	2
Total		5	9	1	4	19

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LIBERTARIAN	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
State Committee Woman	Blanks	4	8	1	4	17
(Vote for one)	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	0	0	2
Total		5	9	1	4	19
Town Committee	Blanks	46	90	10	40	186
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins	4	0	0	0	4
Total		46	90	10	40	190
	PRECINCTS					
	Democrat	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Republican	730	647	644	812	2833
	Green-Rainbow	349	396	425	251	1421
	Libertairin	7	3	2	1	13
	Unenrolled	9	18	8	15	50
	All Others	1542	1672	1617	1565	6396
	TOTALS	34	30	29	22	115
		2671	2766	2725	2666	10828
	Voted on 3/3/2020		PRECINCTS			
	35.10%	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Democrat	865	684	743	943	3235
	Republican	128	140	175	98	541
	Green-Rainbow	1	0	4	4	9
	Libertarian	5	9	1	4	19
	TOTALS	999	833	923	1049	3804
Attest:						
Colleen Toothill-Berte						
Town Clerk						

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN
JUNE 22, 2020

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Board of Selectmen	James A. Barry		179	128	158	163	628
3 years	Oliver Haas		67	61	53	36	217
Vote for one							0
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blank	5	1	8	6	20
		Total	251	190	219	205	865
School Committee	Heidi G. Gutekenst		183	154	170	152	659
3 years	Michael Knapp		90	92	63	70	315
Vote for one	Sundry Writeins		14	2	6	0	22
		Blanks	215	132	199	188	734
		Total	502	380	438	410	1730
Planning Board	Michael A. Hofler		177	141	167	145	630
5 years	Sundry Writeins		2	2	0	0	4
Vote for one		Blank	72	47	52	60	231
		Total	251	190	219	205	865
Moderator	Amanda Halperin		54	52	64	58	228
	Edward Knight		11	9	14	9	43
3 years	Alyssa Manderville		11	14	24	7	56
vote for one	Sundry Writeins		16	10	6	5	37
		Blank	159	105	111	126	501
		Total	251	190	219	205	865
Board of Assessors	Thomas A. Barry		127	112	138	117	494
3 years	Sundry Writeins		3	1	0	0	4
Vote for one		Blank	121	77	81	88	367
		Total	251	190	219	205	865
Board of Health	Kenneth Elstein		51	50	38	63	202
3 years	Hope Guardenier		34	47	30	63	174
Vote for two	Diane Mas		0	0	13	1	14
	Leonard Bilodeau		9	8	6	10	33
	Ericka Hamilton		0	0	13	1	14
	Sundry Writeins		11	4	6	5	26
		Blank	397	271	332	267	1267
		Total	502	380	438	410	1730
Board of Health	Colleen Duroshea		16	23	17	19	75
1 year	Leonard Bilodeau		7	16	16	8	47
Vote for one	Sundry Writeins		11	8	10	10	39
		Blank	217	143	176	168	704
		Total	251	190	219	205	865

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN
JUNE 22, 2020

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Housing Authority	Nancy Delgado Bachmann		21	30	25	44	120
5 year	Sundry Writeins		5	4	3	2	14
Vote for one		Blank	225	156	191	159	731
		Total	251	190	219	205	865
Belchertown Registered Voters		PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Democrat	728	658	648	815	2849
		Republican	350	395	426	247	1418
		Green	7	3	2	1	13
		Libertarian	9	16	8	15	48
		Unenrolled	1570	1702	1625	1579	6476
		Other	32	29	29	23	113
		Total	2696	2803	2738	2680	10917
	Vote Cast on 6/22/2020						
	7.90%	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
			251	190	219	205	865
Attest:							
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte							
Town Clerk							

DEMOCRAT			PRECINCTS				
	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Senator in Congress	Edward J. Markey		537	403	383	619	1942
(Vote for One)	Jospeh P. Kennedy, III		397	362	412	347	1518
	Blanks		3	0	2	3	8
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	1	1
	Total		937	765	797	970	3469
Representative in General	James P. McGovern		814	657	691	853	3015
Court (Vote for One)	Blanks		122	106	102	114	444
	Sundry Write-ins		1	2	4	3	10
	Total		937	765	797	970	3469
Councillor	Mary E. Hurley		762	647	672	796	2877
(Vote for One)	Blanks		174	115	123	172	584
	Sundry Write-ins		1	3	2	2	8
	Total		937	765	797	970	3469
Senator in General Court	Eric P. Lesser		805	684	697	827	3013
(Vote for One)	Blanks		132	78	99	135	444
	Sundry Write-ins		0	3	1	8	12
	Total		937	765	797	970	3469
Representative in General Court		*Prec. A*	A				
(Vote for One)	William E. LaRose		746				746
	Blanks		189				189
	Sundry Write-ins		2				2
	Total		937				937
Representative in General Court		*Prec. B,C, & D*		B	C	D	
(Vote for One)	Jacob R. Oliveira			644	677	788	2109
	Blanks			114	117	178	409
	Sundry Write-ins			7	3	4	14
	Total			765	797	970	2532
Registerof Probate							
(Vote for One)	Michael J. Carey		747	645	671	769	2832
	Blanks		187	118	123	198	626
	Sundry Write-ins		3	2	3	3	11
	Total		937	765	797	970	3469
REPUBLICAN							
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Senator in Congress	Shiva Ayyadurai		70	71	93	56	290
(vote for one)	Kevin J. O'Connor		100	114	131	66	411
	Blanks		0	4	9	1	14
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	3	5	8
	Total		170	189	236	128	723
Representative Congress	TracyLyn Lovvorn		137	158	192	102	589
(Vote for One)	Blanks		29	29	42	20	120
	Sundry Write-ins		4	2	2	6	14
	Total		170	378	236	128	912
REPUBLICAN	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Councillor	Blanks		158	188	234	121	701
(vote for one)	Sundry Write-ins		12	1	2	7	22
	Total		170	189	236	128	723

OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Senator in General Court	Blanks		165	188	233	121	707
(vote for one)	Sundry Write-ins		5	1	3	7	16
	Total		170	189	236	128	723
Representative in General Court			A				
(Vote for One)	Blanks		168				166
	Sundry Write-ins		2				2
	Total		170				170
Representative in General Court		*Prec. B, C & D*		B	C	D	
(Vote for One)	James Chip Harrington			166	205	108	479
	Blanks			21	29	17	67
	Sundry Write-ins			2	2	3	7
	Total			189	236	128	553
Register of Probate	Blanks		159	188	231	121	699
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		11	1	5	7	24
	Total		170	189	236	128	723
GREEN RAINBOW			A	B	C	D	Total
Senator in Congress	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	3	1	5	10
	Total		1	3	1	5	10
Representative in Congre	Blanks		0	1	0	2	3
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	2	1	3	7
	Total		1	3	1	5	10
Councillor	Blanks		0	2	0	2	4
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	1	1	3	6
	Total		1	3	1	5	10
Senator in General Court	Blanks		0	3	0	2	5
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	0	1	3	5
	Total		1	3	1	5	10
Rep. in General Court	Blanks	*Prec. A*	0				0
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1				1
	Total		1				1
		Prec. B,C,D		B	C	D	
Rep. in General Court	Blanks			2	0	2	4
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins			1	1	3	5
	Total			3	1	5	9
GREEN RAINBOW			A	B	C	D	Total
Register of Probate	Blanks		0	2	0	2	4
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	1	1	3	6
	Total		1	3	1	5	10

LIBERTARIAN							
Senator in Congress			A	B	C	D	Total
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1	3	1	1	6
	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	5	4	10
	Total		1	4	6	5	16
Representative in Congre	Blanks		1	1	2	2	6
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	3	4	3	10
	Total		1	4	6	5	16
Councillor	Blanks		1	2	3	1	7
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	2	3	4	9
	Total		1	4	6	5	16
Senator in General Court	Blanks		1	3	4	1	9
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	2	4	7
	Total		1	4	6	5	16
Representative in General Court			A				
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1				1
	Sundry Write-ins		0				0
	Total		1				1
Representative in General Court		*Prec. B, C & D*		B	C	D	
(Vote for One)	Blanks			2	3	2	7
	Sundry Write-ins			2	3	3	8
	Total			4	6	5	15
Register of Probate							
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	2	4	7
	Total		0	1	2	4	7
	Registered Voters	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Democrat	934	653	643	834	3064
		Republica	356	405	438	248	1447
	Green	Rainbow	7	3	2	1	13
		Libertarian	6	19	8	14	47
		Unenrolle	1583	1709	1672	1602	6566
		Other	33	29	30	22	114
		TOTALS	2919	2818	2793	2721	11251
	Voted on 9/1/2020	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	37% Voted	Democrat	937	765	797	970	3469
		Republica	170	189	236	128	723
	Green	Rainbow	1	3	1	5	10
		Libertarian	1	4	6	5	16
		TOTALS	1109	961	1040	1108	4218
Attest:							
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte							
Town Clerk							

Presidential State Election
11-3-2020

OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
President & Vice	Biden and Harris	1519	1351	1405	1618	5893
President	Hawkins and Walker	16	23	12	17	68
(vote for one)	Jorgensen and Cohen	38	35	44	30	147
	Trump and Pence	771	996	1028	686	3481
	Blanks	17	39	13	13	82
	Sundry Write-ins	8	3	4	5	20
	Total	2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
Senator in Congress	Edward J. Markey	1508	1326	1381	1604	5819
(vote for one)	Kevin J. O'Connor	793	1009	1033	682	3517
	Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai	17	17	20	26	80
	Blanks	49	91	71	56	267
	Sundry Write-ins	2	4	1	1	8
	Total	2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
Representative in Congress						
Second District	James P. McGovern	1556	1362	1440	1641	5999
(Vote for One)	Tracy Lyn Lovvorn	741	962	971	642	3316
	Blanks	71	121	95	83	370
	Sundry Write-ins	1	2	0	3	6
	Total	2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
Councillor						
Eighth District	Mary E. Hurley	1704	1713	1840	1795	7052
(Vote for One)	Blanks	651	712	649	555	2567
	Sundry Write-ins	14	22	17	19	72
	Total	2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
Senator In General Court						
1st Hampden & Hampshire	Eric P. Lesser	1743	1739	1857	1819	7158
(Vote for One)	Blanks	612	684	634	25	1955
	Sundry Write-ins	14	24	15	525	578
	Total	2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
Representative in General Court	*Prec. A*	A				
Second Franklin District	Susannah M. Whips	1097				1097
(Vote for One)	William E. LaRose	905				905
	Blanks	351				351
	Sundry Write-ins	16				16
	Total	2369				2369
Representative in General Court	*Prec. B, C & D*		B	C	D	TOTAL
Seventh Hampden District	James Chip Harrington		1135	1148	753	3036
	Jacob R. Oliveira		1207	1206	1472	3885
(Vote for One)	Blanks		102	151	144	397
	Sundry Write-ins		3	1	0	4
	Total		2447	2506	2369	7322
Register of Probate						
Hampshire County	Michael J. Carey	1511	1516	1605	1557	6189
(Vot for One)	Blanks	849	918	890	803	3460
	Sundry Write-ins	9	13	11	9	42
	Total	2369	2447	2506	2369	9691

REGIONAL Vocational	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Technical School Committe	Francesco Dell'Olio	1563	1615	1736	1494	6408
Belchertown	Margo Moran			1		1
(Vote for One)	Tracy Taft			1		1
	Charissa Brown			1		1
	Greg Silegman	1				1
	John Cooper	1			1	2
	Scott Fahey				1	1
	Erik Brown					0
	Wilbur Quirk	1				1
	Blanks	801	829	766	872	3268
	Sundry Write-ins	2	3	1	1	7
	Total	2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
REGIONAL Vocational Technical						
School Committee	David Droz	1362	1426	1530	1309	5627
Palmer	John Monast			1		1
(Vote for One)	Jeffrey Nelson			2		2
	Martin Goulet			1		1
	Charissa Brown			1		1
	John Cooper	1				1
	Samuel Ario Mock	1				
	Blanks	1003	1020	971	1059	4053
	Sundry Write-ins	2	1	0	1	4
	Total	2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
REGIONAL Vocational Technical						
School Committee						
New Braintree	Ezekiel Baskin				1	1
(Vote for One)	Jennifer Longacre				1	1
	Creaig Dunton				1	1
	Cyril Chafe				1	1
	Paul Leboef				1	1
	Lorraine Alves				1	1
	Estebank Sonabria				1	1
	David Kozkoz				1	1
	G. Wilinsky				1	1
	John Smith				1	1
	Marchal Kirby				1	1
	Kevin Girard			1		1
	Sam Skura			1		1
	Martin Goulet			2		2
	Steve Hill			1		1
	Artoria Pendragon			1		1
	Matt Guerdon			1		1
	Sarak Aashem			1		1
	Jeffrey Nelson			1		1
	Kurt Norwood			1		1
	Jacklyn Annis			1		1
	Tom McCaffrey			1		1
	Chris Higgins			1		1
	William Deter			1		1
	Perry Velis		1			1
	Cassie Fitzpatrick	2				2
	Sheena Morris	2				2
	Guido DaCoopa	1				1
	Douglas G. Beach, Jr	1				1

	Marcus Opleck		1				1
	Michael Knapp		1				1
	John Cooper		1				1
	Mike E. Little		1				1
	Linda Ladue		1				1
	Tim Fedora		1				1
	Blanks		2352	2436	2490	2357	9635
	Sundry Write-ins		5	10	2	1	18
	Total		2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	Allan Perry					1	1
Oakham	Nicole Beaudoin					1	1
(Vote for One)	Esteban Sonabria					1	1
	E. Coover					1	1
	Peter Billman-Golene					1	1
	Josh Wallace				1		1
	Frank Rizzo				1		1
	Shubeen Douji				1		1
	Eric Aashem				1		1
	Laurie O"Shea				1		1
	Tom McCaffrey				1		1
	Perry Velis			1			1
	Sheena Morris		2				2
	Jacob Girard		1				1
	Sandra Beach		1				1
	Justin Bresnahan		1				1
	John Cooper		1				1
	Claygen Doskan		1				1
	Samuel Muck		1				1
	Tim Fedora		1				1
	Blanks		2357	2436	2499	2364	9656
	Sundry Write-ins		3	10	1	0	14
	Total		2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	David Kirk		1138	1221	1293	1146	4798
	Lisa Digris				1		1
Warren	Blanks		1229	1225	1212	1223	4889
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		2	1	0	0	3
	Total		2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
QUESTION 1			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Proposed Law would require that motor vehicle		YES	1817	1821	1898	1798	7334
owners and independentrepair facilities be pro-		NO	459	492	516	453	1920
vided with expanded access to mechanical data		Blanks	93	134	92	118	437
relate to vehicle maintenance and repair. Starting		**Total**	2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
with model year 2022.							

Presidential State Election
11-3-2020

QUESTION 2							
Proposed law would implement a voting system		YES	1014	912	893	1158	3977
known as "ranked-choice voting", in which voters		NO	1233	1374	1486	1081	5174
rank one or more candidates by order of preferenc		Blanks	122	161	127	130	540
Ranked-choice voting would be used in primary		**Total**	2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
and general elections for all Massachusetts state-							
wide offices, state legislative offices, federal							
congressional offices and certain other offices							
beginning in 2022. Ranked-choice voting would							
not be used in elections for president, county							
commissioner, or regional district school							
committee member.							
	Registered Voters	**PREC.**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
		Democra	746	675	661	860	2942
		Republic	372	417	453	253	1495
	Green	Rainbow	8	3	2	1	14
		Libertari	7	21	9	13	50
		Unenrolle	1665	1765	1734	1671	6835
		Other	34	31	26	25	116
		TOTALS	2832	2912	2885	2823	11452
	% Voted	**PREC.**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
	85%		2369	2447	2506	2369	9691
Attest:							
Colleen Toothill-Berte							
Town Clerk							

Actions taken at the Special Town Meeting held June 27, 2020 at the Belchertown High School Gymnasium & Tennis Courts
FY20
Moderators – Alyssa Mandeville (Gymnasium) Amanda Halperin (Tennis Court)
Meeting called to order 9:05m
Registered voters present 156 (Quorum requires 75)

Article 1 Voted to transfer the sums of money as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Highway Department Wage	252.00	Planning Wage
Highway Department Wage	781.00	Inspection Services Wage
Highway Department Wage	510.00	Town Clerk Wage
Health Insurance – Town Share	20,000.00	Fire Department Wage
Highway Department Wage	200.00	Highway Personnel Expense
Transfer Station Wage	7000.00	Transfer Station Expense
Health Insurance – Town Share	2000.00	Animal Control Wages
Health Insurance – Town Share	500.00	ZBA Wages
Health Insurance – Town Share	5000.00	Unemployment

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Passed Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to transfer the sum of $584.88 from the Police Wage Account and the sum of to pay the following unpaid bill(s) of a prior year.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

- Belchertown Auto Parts: $356.88
- R. Senecal: $228.00

(Moderator called for a hand count – 152 Yes – 4 No)
(Vote – 9/10 Required – Passed by 9/10)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to lease/purchase and equip a Patrol Motorcycle for the Police Department pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in article 9, paragraph 3 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 13, 2019.
(Finance Committee 4-0-0 – No Position on this article)

Much discussion on this Article. Motion Made to take no action – did not pass.
(Vote – 2/3 required – Passed by 2/3)

Article 4 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to lease/purchase and equip chest compressions systems for the Fire/EMS Department pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in article 9, paragraph 3 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 13, 2019. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

Meeting Adjourned 9:35am
Attest:
Colleen Toothill-Berte
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD June 27, 2020
FY20

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	$36,243.00	$252.00 from Highway Dept. Wage to Planning Wage; $781.00 from Highway Dept. Wage to Inspections Services Wage; $510.00 from Highway Dept. Wage to Town Clerk Wage; $20,000.00 from Health Insurance –Town Share to Fire Dept. Wage; $200.00 from Highway Dept. Wage to Highway Personnel Expense; $7,000.00 from Transfer Station Wage to Transfer Station Expense; $2,000.00 from Health Insurance –Town Share to Animal Control Wages; $500.00 from Health Insurance – Town Share to ZBA Wages; $5,000.00 from Health Insurance – Town Share to Unemployment
2	$584.88	$584.88 from Police Wage to pay for prior year bills - $356.88 to Belchertown Auto Parts, $228.00 to R. Senecal
TOTAL	**$36, 827.00**	

Adjourned 9:35AM

Attest:
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte
Town Clerk

Actions taken at the Annual Town Meeting held June 27, 2020 at the Belchertown High School Gymnasium & Tennis Court

FY21
Moderator – Alyssa Mandeville-Gymnasium / Amanda Halperin-Tennis Courts

Meeting called to order 9:41 am

Registered voters present 200 – (Quorum requires 75)

Edward Boscher, Board of Selectmen Chair, Motion was made to combine Articles 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.
(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 1 Voted Paul Anziano and Linda Tsoumas as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Nicole Dunham for a three year term as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee. (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at the following hourly rates:

- Assessors $17.50
- Board of Health Members $7.25

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving tax cases.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program or any other state grant program for use on approved town ways. (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, as shown in the Finance Committee's report; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury for departmental and incidental

expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,221,669.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,735,890.00 and appropriate the sum of $900,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, and appropriate the sum of $39,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund for a total appropriation of $4,674,890.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to rise and appropriate the sum of $30,209,793.00 and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $300,000.00, for a total appropriation of $30,509,793.00 for the Town School Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,136,059.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,920,139.00 for DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $341,076.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of $56,939.00 for a total appropriation of $398,015.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the ,sum of $133,921.00, and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $1,611,022.00 for a total appropriation of $1,744.943.00, to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Stormwater Utility Enterprise receipts the sum of $343,782.00 to the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $962,985.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $879,837.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $807,601.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,816,869.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of $551,684.00, for a total appropriation of $5,368,553.00 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $64,298.00, and appropriate the sum of $61,000.00 from the Stabilization fund, for a total appropriation of $125,298.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,197,420.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Vote to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: (Vote Unanimous Yes)

- **In Chapter *91, Attachment 1*, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan: Replace** Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart with new chart as follows:

Director of Public Works	$93,031 - $118,759
Fire Chief	$93,031 - $118,759
Police Lieutenant	$81,183 - $93,892
Director of Information Technology	$77,526 - $98,966
Town Planner	$77,526 - $98,966
Town Treasurer-Collector	$73,834 - $94,254
Town Accountant	$73,834 - $94,254
Building Commissioner	$73,834 - $94,254
Director of Assessments	$73,834 - $94,254
Conservation Administrator	$70,994 - $90,629
Council on Aging Executive Director	$70,994 - $90,629
Director of Parks & Recreation	$70,994 - $90,629
Veterans' Agent	$68,264 - $87,143

➢ **Under Classified Nonexempt Employees:**

- **Insert:** Technical Assistant – Inspection Services and Planning: Grade 6
- **Change in Part-Time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule:**
  - Plumbing Inspector from $30/inspection ***to*** $35/inspection
  - Gas Inspector from $30/inspection ***to*** $35/inspection
  - Electrical Inspector from $30/inspection ***to*** $35/inspection

➢ **In Chapter 91, *Attachment 2*, Appendix B – Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:**

Remove the compensation chart effective July 1, 2019 to end June 30, 2020 and insert the following chart:

Effective July 1, 2020 to end June 30, 2021

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	12.11	12.44	12.78	13.12	13.48	13.87	14.24	14.63	15.03	15.45
2	15.73	16.17	16.62	17.07	17.54	18.02	18.52	19.02	19.55	20.09
3	18.09	18.59	19.10	19.63	20.17	20.72	21.30	21.88	22.48	23.10
4	20.80	21.37	21.96	22.57	23.19	23.84	24.50	25.16	25.85	26.55
5	22.90	23.51	24.17	24.83	25.50	26.22	26.94	27.66	28.45	29.22
6	25.19	25.86	26.57	27.32	28.07	28.83	29.63	30.44	31.27	32.14
7	27.70	28.47	29.24	30.05	30.87	31.71	32.60	33.48	34.41	35.36
8	28.81	29.60	30.41	31.23	32.11	32.99	33.90	34.83	35.78	36.77
9	29.95	30.80	31.62	32.50	33.39	34.31	35.25	36.22	37.22	38.25
10	32.05	32.93	33.84	34.78	35.72	36.72	37.72	38.75	39.83	40.92

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $4,000 to the Belchertown Cultural Council expense account for the purpose of providing engaging arts and cultural programming for the Belchertown community.

(Vote Majority Yes)

Article 12 Voted appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund the sum of $65,600.00 to be used for operations of the Belchertown Community Channel, and anything incidental or related thereto, for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020.

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Belchertown to change the title of "Board of Selectmen" to "Select Board" as follows:

1. Amend Chapter 100, by changing the tile from "Selectmen" to "Select Board"

2. Add the following new sentence to the beginning of subsection C of Section 100-3: "The Select Board shall have all the powers and duties of a Board of Selectmen for purposes of the General Laws and any special acts applicable to the Town of Belchertown." And

3. Delete the words "Board of Selectmen" or "Selectmen" in each place they appear in the Town's Bylaws and insert in their place "Select Board".

(Vote Majority Yes)

Article 14 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen enter into an agreement to lease/purchase and equip a Police Department Canine Cruiser pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in paragraph 3 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this June 16, 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes) (Vote 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

Article 15 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to lease/purchase and equip a Department of Public Works one ton dump truck pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in paragraph 6 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this June 16, 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

Article 16 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to lease/purchase and equip a >Department of Public Works rubber-tired excavator pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in paragraph 6 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this June 16, 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

(Vote 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

Article 17 Voted to accept as a public way the roadway known as Carriage Drive, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled "'Layout Discontinuance, Layout Alteration and Street Acceptance Plan Front Street, Jackson Street and Carriage Drive' Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA Prepared for Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation," dated February 26, 2020, prepared by Sherman & Frydryk, LLC, and on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements in Carriage Drive for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Belchertown and any drainage, utility and/or other easements related thereto; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, the fee or easements in the parcel of land shown on said plan as "Bike Easement" for recreation or shared path purposes.

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 Voted to accept the altered layout of Front Street as a public way, as heretofore altered and laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled "'Layout Discontinuance, Layout Alteration and Street Acceptance Plan Front Street, Jackson Street and Front Street' Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA Prepared for Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation," dated February 26, 2020, prepared by Sherman & Frydryk, LLC, on file with the Town Clerk, to include within the altered layout of Front Street the parcel of land shown on said plan as "Parcel 1" and exclude from said altered layout, and discontinue as a public way, the parcel of land shown as "Parcel 2" on the plan; authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements in Parcel 1 for all purposes for which public

ways are used in the Town of Belchertown and any drainage, utility and/or other easements related thereto; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any deeds or other instruments to release all right, title and interest held by the Town in Parcel 2.

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 19 Voted to amend Section 145-5of the Zoning Bylaw, Zoning Map, by changing a portion of the parcel identified on the Town Assessors' Map as Map 228 Parcel 18, as described as "Lot 2" on a Zone Change Plan drawn by Sherman and Frydryk, LLC, dated 10/18/2019, from B2 to Ag-A.

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 20 **Citizen Petition:** To see if the town will vote to: put into effect a non-binding resolution endorsing the protection of pollinators and enhancement of pollinator habitat.

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators are a crucial component of a healthy ecosystem and a vital link in our food system, proving the pollination responsible for over three quarters of the world's plant species, and for one out of every three bites of food that we eat; and

WHEREAS, pollinator populations are in sharp decline due to human land use practices that are causing ongoing habitat loss and fragmentation, the expansion of pesticide use by consumers and professionals, the spread of pathogens and parasites, and global climate change; and

WHEREAS, extensive research has documented that neonicotinoids and other systemic pesticides have been shown to cause illness and death to honey bees, native bees, butterflies, moths, other insect pollinators, and beneficial insects; and

WHEREAS, guidelines for land management best practices are available that allow residents, businesses, farms, towns, and land trusts to manage their land in ways that increase pollinator forage and nest sites while decreasing maintenance costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RSOLVED by this Town Meeting that the Town of Belchertown is hereby declared a Pollinator-Friendly Community and that the town encourages the adoption of policies and practices that support pollinator health by minimizing the use of insecticides:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Belchertown will set an example by adopting the pollinator-friendly practices below and encourage property owners, residents, town departments, business owners, and land trusts to adopt pollinator-friendly practices including:

- Planting more pollinator-supporting forage on their property, emphasizing native plant species, and adopting organic or chemical-free lawn and landscaping practices;
- Avoiding the planting of flowering plants that are treated with systemic insecticides and avoiding the use of seeds coated with system neonicotinoids;
- Avoiding the use of insecticides, including systemic insecticides, on their property;
- Reduce the mowing schedule to no more than once a week, and once every two week, where practicable.

The Town Clerk is requested to send copies of this resolution to Governor Charlie Baker, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner John Lebeaux, State Senator Eric Lesser and State Representative Thomas Petrolati
(Vote Majority Yes)

Article 21 Vote to delete Chapter 112 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown relative to the Stormwater Management By-Law and replace it with a new Chapter 112 as printed in Article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Town of Belchertown
Stormwater Management By-Law

Proposed revisions – Draft 6/12/17
Additional changes made 7/27/17
Additional changes made 2/8/2020
Changes 4/9/2020

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SECTION 1: BACKGROUND

Land uses in Town affect our streams, lakes and drinking water supplies. Land development and other land use conversions, and their associated changes to land cover, have the potential to permanently alter the function of local watersheds, resulting in increased stormwater runoff rates and volumes, which in turn increase flooding, stream channel erosion, sediment transport and discharge, and nonpoint source pollution, and decrease groundwater recharge. Adverse impacts can be controlled and minimized through the application of stormwater best management practices (BMPs) and low impact development principles.

Low Impact Development (LID) seeks a balance between human activities and protecting habitat and important natural resources. It is about maintaining the environmental quality of life that gives the communities we live in a sense of place. The goal of LID is to integrate human development into the landscape in a way that is mindful of natural ecosystems and does not disrupt the complex hydrologic cycle that maintains them. LID can be applied through development density, reduced impervious surface coverage, lot size, open space/tree retention, street design, street width, parking design, sidewalks, and stormwater management practices. Because LID involves a comprehensive approach, it must be integrated into municipal policies, regulations, and development standards in order for it to be effective.

Careful planning of development, redevelopment, and land conversion projects will protect the quality and health of the water resources of Belchertown. Therefore, the Town of Belchertown enacts this Stormwater Management Bylaw to prevent potential harmful impacts from land development activities.

In addition, localities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are required to comply with a number of both State and Federal laws, Bylaws, and permits which require a locality to address the impacts of construction site runoff and post-development stormwater runoff.

Therefore, the Town of Belchertown has established this Bylaw to provide reasonable guidance for the administration of site planning and stormwater management for the purpose of protecting local water resources from degradation. This Bylaw applies to construction and post-construction stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment projects. It designates the stormwater authority, applicable projects and how regulations are created and enforced.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE

A. The purpose of this Bylaw is to protect, maintain, and enhance the public health, safety, environment and general welfare by establishing the process for creating requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment.

B. Interests and values protected by this bylaw: :

1. Reducing the adverse water quality impacts from stormwater discharges to rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and streams.
2. Maintaining the natural hydrologic characteristics of the land and treating for water quality in order to: reduce flooding, stream bank erosion, siltation, nonpoint source pollution, and property damage, and to maintain the integrity of stream channels and aquatic habitats;
3. Preventing the discharge of pollutants, including hazardous chemicals, into stormwater runoff;
4. Minimizing the volume and rate of stormwater discharges to rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and streams during and following development;
5. Preventing erosion and sedimentation from during and following land development.
6. Providing for the recharge of groundwater aquifers and maintain the base flow of streams;
7. Promoting the use of LID practices such as limiting disturbance, reducing impervious cover, treating and infiltrating stormwater at the source, using environmentally sensitive site design, and the preservation of open space and other natural areas, to the maximum extent practicable;
8. Ensuring that stormwater treatment practices will be maintained and continue to function for the life of the design;
9. Providing clear procedures for the Town's review of stormwater management plans, and for the Town's inspection of approved stormwater controls;
10. Complying with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges.

C. This bylaw is intended to integrate with other parts of the Town's land use regulations and not replace requirements, particularly of the Town of Belchertown Wetlands Protection Bylaw, or any other Bylaw that may be adopted by the Town of Belchertown. Any activity subject to the provisions of the above-cited Bylaws must comply with the specifications of each.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

ALTER: Any activity, which will measurably change the ability of a ground surface area to absorb water or will change existing surface drainage patterns. Alter may be similarly represented as "alteration of drainage characteristics," and "conducting land disturbance activities."

APPLICANT: A property owner or agent of a property owner who has filed an application for a Stormwater Management Permit.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP): Structural, non-structural and managerial techniques that are recognized to be the most effective and practical means to prevent and/or reduce increases in stormwater volumes and flows, reduce point source and nonpoint source pollution, and promote stormwater quality and protection of the environment. "Structural" BMPs are devices that are engineered

and constructed to provide temporary storage and treatment of stormwater runoff. "Nonstructural" BMPs use natural measures to reduce pollution levels, do not require extensive construction efforts, and/or promote pollutant reduction by eliminating the pollutant source.

CONVEYANCE: Any structure or device, including pipes, drains, culverts, curb breaks, paved swales or man-made swales of all types designed or utilized to move or direct stormwater runoff or existing water flow.

DEVELOPMENT: The modification of land to accommodate a new use or expansion of use, usually involving construction. See also new development; redevelopment.

EROSION: Wearing away of land by running water, waves, wind, ice abrasion and transportation.

FLOODING: A local and temporary inundation or a rise in the surface of a body of water, such that it covers land not usually under water.

FOREST CUTTING PLAN: A plan for the cutting of trees on forest land, which is prepared and submitted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 132 Sections 40 - 46A. The forest cutting plan requires approval by a Service Forester of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, as provided under the Forest Cutting Practices Act by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

GROUNDWATER: All subsurface water contained in natural geologic formations or artificial fill, including soil water in the zone of aeration.

GRADING: Changing the level or shape of the ground surface.

GRUBBING: Removal of stumps and large or matted roots from the ground after the removal of trees, prior to construction.

HOTSPOT: Land uses or activities with higher potential pollutant loadings, such as auto salvage yards, auto fueling and repair facilities, fleet storage yards, commercial parking lots with high intensity use, road salt storage areas, commercial nurseries and landscaping, outdoor storage and loading areas of hazardous substances, or marinas.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water from infiltrating through the underlying soil. Impervious surface is defined to include, without limitation: paved parking lots, rooftops, driveways, patios, and paved roads.

INFILTRATION: The act of conveying surface water into the ground to permit groundwater recharge and the reduction of stormwater runoff from a project site.

LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES: Any action that causes a change in the position, location, or arrangement of soil, sand, rock, gravel or similar earth material.

NEW DEVELOPMENT: Any construction or land disturbance of a parcel of land that is currently in a natural vegetated state and does not contain alteration by man-made activities.

NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION: Pollution from many diffuse sources, rather than a single point of origin, caused by stormwater moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into water resource areas.

OWNER: A person with a legal or equitable interest in a property.

PERSON: Any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof to the extent subject to Town Bylaws, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, the Town of Belchertown, and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents, or assigns.

POINT SOURCE: Any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, or container from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

POST-DEVELOPMENT: The conditions that reasonably may be expected or anticipated to exist after completion of the land development activity on a specific site or tract of land. Post-development refers to the phase of a new development or redevelopment project after completion, and does not refer to the construction phase of a project.

RECHARGE: The replenishment of underground water reserves.

REDEVELOPMENT: Any construction, alteration, or improvement that disturbs the ground surface or increases the impervious area on previously developed sites.

SEDIMENTATION: A process of depositing material that has been suspended and transported in water.

SITE: The parcel of land being developed, or a designated planning area in which the land development project is located.

STORMWATER (runoff): Rainwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage. Stormwater/runoff commonly collects in the MS4 system for treatment and discharge.

STORMWATER AUTHORITY: The Town of Belchertown Conservation Commission. The Stormwater Authority is responsible for coordinating the review, approval and permit process as defined in this Bylaw. Other Boards and/or departments participate in the review process as defined in Section 5 of this Bylaw.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: The use of structural or non-structural practices that are designed to reduce stormwater runoff pollutant loads, discharge volumes, and/or peak flow discharge rates.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT: A permit issued by the Stormwater Authority, after review of an application, plans, calculations, and other supporting documents, which is designed to protect the environment of the Town from the adverse effects of uncontrolled and untreated stormwater runoff.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN: A plan to be submitted with the application for a Stormwater Management Permit, which shall include current and proposed site conditions, proposed improvements, proposed stormwater control measures, development schedules, and such other matters as may be required by the Stormwater Authority.

SECTION 4: AUTHORITY

This Bylaw, as amended, is adopted under the authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, and pursuant to the regulations of the federal Clean Water Act, and as authorized by the residents of Belchertown at Town Meeting, dated May 14, 2007.

SECTION 5: RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION

The Conservation Commission is hereby designated as the Stormwater Authority. The Stormwater Authority shall administer, implement and enforce this Bylaw. The Stormwater Authority may designate

Town Boards, including (but not limited to) the Planning Board, Dept. of Public Works, and the Board of Health, as its authorized agent for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations on stormwater permit applications within the designated Board's expertise (the "Reviewing Board"). The Reviewing Board(s) shall notify the Stormwater Authority of its recommendations on stormwater management permit applications. Both the Stormwater Authority and the Reviewing Board(s) shall have authority to enforce this Bylaw.

SECTION 6: REGULATIONS

A. The Stormwater Authority may adopt, and periodically amend, rules and regulations relating to the terms, conditions, definitions, enforcement, fees (including application, inspection, and/or consultant fees), procedures and administration of this Bylaw, after conducting a public hearing to receive comments on any proposed revisions. Such hearing dates shall be advertised in a newspaper of general local circulation, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date. After public hearing, the Stormwater Authority may issue rules and regulations to fulfill the purposes of this Bylaw. Failure by the Stormwater Authority to issue such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this Bylaw.

B. Waivers. The Stormwater Authority may waive strict compliance with this Bylaw if such action is allowed by federal, state and local statutes, bylaws, and/or regulations; is in the public interest; and is consistent with the purposes of this Bylaw.

C. Actions by the Stormwater Authority. The Stormwater Authority may take any of the following actions as a result of an application for a Stormwater Management Permit: Approval, Approval with Conditions, or Disapproval.

D. Appeals. A decision of the Stormwater Authority shall be final. Further relief of a decision by the Stormwater Authority made under this Bylaw shall be reviewable in the Superior Court in an action filed within sixty (60) days thereof, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch 249 § 4.

E. Stormwater Credit System. The Stormwater Authority may adopt a Stormwater Credit System as part of the Stormwater Management Regulations authorized by this Bylaw. Failure of the Stormwater Authority to promulgate such a credit system through its regulations or a legal declaration of its invalidity by a court shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this Bylaw.

SECTION 7: APPLICABILITY

A. Permit Required

Notwithstanding any exemption provided pursuant to Section 7B, for any proposed development project listed below, no person may initiate construction, any land clearing and grubbing, land grading, earth moving, or other development activities without approval or waiver of the requirement for a stormwater management permit by the authorized permitting agency. Proponents of these projects are required to submit drainage reports, plans, construction drawings, specifications, and as-built information in accordance with the permit standards, procedures and requirements defined in the Stormwater Regulations.

1. Construction activities that disturb land greater than or equal to 10,000 square feet,

2. Construction activities that disturb land less than 10,000 square feet if part of a larger common or phased plan.

3. Any alteration, redevelopment, or conversion of land use to a "hotspot" as defined in this bylaw, such as auto salvage yards, auto fueling facilities, fleet storage yards, commercial parking lots, and other potential water quality concerns, regardless of the amount of land altered.

4. Construction activities that are not part of a larger common plan and that result in the disturbance of less than 10,000 square feet of land, or are not located on a hotspot, are still required to minimize impervious surface, disconnect impervious area runoff from the public storm drainage system, wetlands, waterways, and adjacent off-site impervious areas; or otherwise treat, infiltrate or retain stormwater runoff by implementing stormwater management measures designed in accordance with best management practices as defined by the Stormwater Authority. The applicant shall submit evidence to the building inspector that the requirements of this paragraph and the grading and drainage requirements from the most recently issued edition of the Massachusetts Building Code have been met prior to issuance of a building permit.

B. Exemptions

The following use and activities are exempt from the requirements for submittal and approval of a Stormwater Management Plan. All exempt uses and activities must still comply with the purposes and the stormwater performance standards within the Regulations. Failure of an exempt activity to comply with these standards shall be interpreted as a violation and exempt status revoked.

a. Any agricultural activity that is consistent with an approved soil conservation plan prepared or approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service;

b. Any logging that is consistent with a timber management plan approved under the Forest Cutting Practices Act by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection;

c. Developments that disturb less than 10,000 square feet of land, provided that they are not part of a larger common development plan;

d. Activities that are exclusively limited to maintenance and improvement of existing roadways (including widening less than a single lane, adding shoulders, correcting substandard intersections, improving existing drainage systems, and repaving projects).

e. Repairs to any stormwater treatment system deemed necessary by the Department of Public Works;

f. Any emergency activity that is immediately necessary for the protection of life, property or the environment, as determined by the Department of Public Works, Board of Health or Police and Fire.

SECTION 8: PROCEDURES

Permit Procedures and Requirements shall be defined and included in the Stormwater Management Regulations adopted under this Bylaw. Failure to promulgate such procedures or a legal declaration of its invalidity by a court shall not act to suspend or invalidate this Bylaw.

SECTION 9: ENFORCEMENT

The Stormwater Authority or an authorized agent of the Stormwater Authority shall have the authority to enforce this Bylaw, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies, including injunctive relief and monetary damages and costs of litigation and attorney fees, for such violations and for mitigation and compliance actions taken by the Stormwater

Authority. Enforcement shall be further defined and included as part of the Stormwater Management Regulations adopted under this Bylaw.
SECTION 10: SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any section, provision, paragraph, sentence or clause of this Bylaw shall not invalidate any other section, provisions, paragraph, sentence or clause thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit or determination that previously has been issued.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 Voted to delete Chapter 139 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown relative to Wetlands Protection in its entirety and to replace it with a new Chapter 139 Wetlands Protection By-Law as follows:

Chapter 139. Wetlands Protection Bylaw

§ 139-1. Purpose.

A. The purpose of this chapter is to protect the wetland resource areas, related water resources and adjoining land areas in the Town of Belchertown by controlling activities deemed by the Conservation Commission likely to have a significant or cumulative effect upon wetland values, including but not limited to the following:

(1) Public or private water supply.
(2) Groundwater and groundwater quality.
(3) Surface water and surface water quality.
(4) Flood control.
(5) Erosion and sedimentation control.
(6) Storm damage prevention.
(7) Prevention of water pollution.
(8) Storm drainage.
(9) Fisheries.
(10) Wildlife habitat.
(11) Agriculture.
(12) Aquaculture.
(13) Recreation.

B. These values are to be known collectively as the "wetland values protected by this chapter."

§ 139-2. Jurisdiction.

A. Except as permitted by the Conservation Commission or as provided for in this chapter, no person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon or alter the following resource areas or within 100 feet of these resource areas, an area known as the "buffer zone to the resource areas":

(1) Any freshwater wetland as determined by vegetational community, soil composition and/or hydrologic regime, including isolated wetlands, any marsh, wet meadow, bog or swamp.
(2) Any pond, lake, river and any perennial or intermittent stream.
(3) Any land under such waters.
(4) Any bank or beach.
(5) Any land subject to flooding or inundation by groundwater, water or storm flowage, including ephemeral ponds, vernal pools and kettle holes.

B. Where natural vegetation is absent as a result of mowing, grazing or disturbance, the hydric soil type indicated on United States Natural Resource Conservation Service maps, combined with field investigation of hydric soil profiles and application of the Natural Resource Conservation Service's definitions and criteria for hydric soils, shall provide positive determination of jurisdiction.

§ 139-3. Exempt Activities

A. Existing public service structures or facilities.

(1) The application and permit required by this chapter shall not be required for maintaining, repairing or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing or lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public to provide electric, gas, water, telephone, telegraph or other telecommunication services, sanitary sewers and storm sewers, provided that:

(a) The structure or facility is not substantially changed or enlarged;
(b) Written notice has been given to the Commission at least two working days prior to commencement of work; and
(c) The work conforms to performance standards and design specifications in regulations adopted by the Commission.

(2) This exemption does not apply to septic systems, new or otherwise.

B. Emergency projects for protection of the public.

(1) The application and permit required by this chapter shall not apply to emergency projects necessary for the protection of the health or safety of the public, provided that:

(a) The work is to be performed by or has been ordered to be performed by an agency of the commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof;
(b) Advance written notice, or oral followed by written, has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work or within 24 hours after commencement;
(c) The Conservation Commission or its agent certifies the work as an emergency project;
(d) The work is performed only for the time and place certified by the Conservation Commission for the limited purposes necessary to abate the emergency; and
(e) Within 21 days of commencement of an emergency project, at the direction of the Commission and/or staff, either a permit application shall be filed with the Commission for review as provided in this chapter or an as-built plan shall be filed with the Commission, whereupon the Commission may, after notice and public hearing, require restoration, project modification and mitigation measures to protect the values stated in this chapter.

(2) Upon failure to meet these and other requirements of the Commission, the Commission may, after notice and a public hearing, revoke or modify an emergency project approval and order restoration and mitigation measures.

C. Normal Maintenance and/or Improvement of Land in Agricultural Use. The application and permit required by this chapter shall not be required for work performed for the normal maintenance or improvement of lands in lawful, active agricultural use as defined in 310 CMR 10.04, provided that no further encroachment into areas subject to this chapter occurs without prior review and permission by the Commission.

§ 139-4. Request for determinations; application for permit.

A. Requests.

Any person desiring to know whether or not a proposed activity or an area is subject to this chapter may request, in writing, a determination from the Commission. Such a request for determination shall contain data and plans specified by the regulations of the Commission, containing sufficient information to make a determination, as the Commission determines necessary. Failure to provide any of the information required herein, including but not limited to seasonal field data, is sufficient cause for the Commission to issue a positive determination. The Commission, in an appropriate case, may accept as the request under this chapter the request for determination of applicability filed under the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL c. 131, § 40.

(1) Failure to pay the filing fee shall be sufficient grounds to reject the application or request.

(2) The Commission may waive the filing fee and costs and expenses for an application or request filed by the Town of Belchertown or by a government agency and may waive the filing fee for a request for determination filed by a person having no financial connection with the property which is the subject of the request.

B. Applications.

Written application shall be filed with the Commission to perform activities regulated by this chapter and which affect resource areas protected by this chapter. The application shall include such information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission to describe proposed activities and their effects on the areas subject to protection under this chapter. The application shall include a complete and accurate description of the site, including the type and boundaries of resource areas, the proposed work and the potential for cumulative effects on any areas subject to protection hereunder. No activities within any jurisdictional areas shall commence without receiving and complying with a permit issued pursuant to this chapter. The Commission, in an appropriate case, may accept as the application and plans required under this chapter the notice of intent or abbreviated notice of resource area delineation, and plans filed under the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL c. 131, § 40.

C. Fees and costs.

At the time of a request or application, the applicant shall pay a filing fee specified in regulations of the Commission. This fee is in addition to that required by the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL c. 131, § 40.

(1) Failure to pay the filing fee shall be sufficient grounds to deny the application or request.

(2) The Commission may waive the filing fee and costs and expenses for an application or request filed by the Town of Belchertown or by a government agency and may waive the filing fee for a request for determination filed by a person having no financial connection with the property which is the subject of the request.

§ 139-5. Public notice and hearings.

A. A request or an application with the required filing fee shall be hand delivered or sent by certified mail to the Commission. When a person requesting a determination /, the request shall also be sent certified mail to the owner by the applicant.

B. The Commission shall conduct a public hearing on any request for determination or application for a permit, with written legal notice given at the expense of the applicant five days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Belchertown. The Commission, in an appropriate

case, may combine its hearing under this chapter with the hearing conducted under the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL c. 131, § 40.

C. The Commission shall commence the public hearing within 21 days from receipt of a completed application or request for determination, unless the applicant extends the twenty-one-day period by a signed written waiver.

D. The Commission shall have authority to continue the hearing to a date certain announced at the hearing for reasons stated at the hearing, which may include the receipt of additional information offered by the applicant or others, information and plans required of the applicant, or comments and recommendations of local boards and officials, deemed necessary by the Commission in its discretion.

E. The Commission, its agent, officers and employees, may enter upon the land for which a request or application has been made, upon which the proposed work is to be done, for the purpose of carrying out its duties under this chapter and may make or cause to be made such examination, sampling or survey as is deemed necessary. Refusal of the property owner to grant access requested by the Commission shall be grounds for denial of the application.

F. The Commission shall issue its determination in writing within 21 days of the submission of a complete filing; and issue a permit in writing within 21 days of the close of the public hearing thereon.

§ 139-6. Determinations, permits and conditions.

A. The Commission shall have the authority, after a public hearing, to determine whether a specific parcel of land contains or does not contain resource areas protected under this chapter and shall have the authority to determine whether proposed activities will adversely affect those resource areas or the buffer zone. If the Commission finds that no such resource areas are present, it shall issue a negative determination. If the Commission finds that the proposed activities will not adversely affect any area under jurisdiction, the Commission may issue a negative determination.

B. If the Commission, after a public hearing on the permit application, determines that the activities which are the subject of the application are likely to have a significant or cumulative effect upon the wetland values protected by this chapter, the Commission, within 21 days of the close of the hearing, shall issue a permit or denial for the activities requested. If it issues a permit, the Commission shall impose conditions which the Commission deems necessary or desirable to protect those values, and all activities thus permitted shall be done in accordance with those conditions.

C. The Commission is empowered to deny a permit for the following reasons:
   (1) Failure to meet the requirements of this chapter;
   (2) Failure to avoid or prevent unacceptable significant or cumulative effects upon the wetland values protected by this chapter;
   (3) Failure to submit necessary information and plans requested by the Commission;
   (4) Failure to meet the design specifications, performance standards and other requirements in regulations of the Commission; and
   (5) Where no conditions are adequate to protect the wetland values protected hereunder.

D. A permit shall expire three years from the date of issuance. Notwithstanding the above, the Commission, in its discretion, may issue a permit expiring five years from the date of issuance for recurring or continuous maintenance work, provided that annual notification of time and location of work is given to the Commission. A permit may be renewed for up to an additional three-year period, provided that a request for a renewal is received, in writing, by the Commission prior to expiration, and the Commission votes to approve the extension at a public meeting.

E. For good cause, the Commission may revoke or amend a permit issued under this chapter after public notice and public hearing and notice to the holder of the permit.

F. The Commission, in an appropriate case, may combine the permit or other action on an application issued under this chapter with the order of conditions issued under the Wetlands Protection Act.

§ 139-7. Regulations of the Conservation Commission.

A. After public notice and public hearing the Commission may, from time to time, promulgate performance standards, design specifications, policy guidelines and other rules and regulations to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.

B. Failure by the Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court of law shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this chapter.

C. Unless otherwise stated in this chapter, or in the rules and regulations promulgated under this chapter, the definitions, procedures and performance standards of the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL c. 131, § 40 and associated regulations, 310 CMR 10.00, shall apply.

§ 139-8. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this chapter:

AGRICULTURE
Any work which produces food or other products for commerce or subsistence. Agriculture includes, but is not limited to, the growing of crops, the raising of livestock, and the production of forest products.

ALTER
Includes, without limitation, the following activities when undertaken to, upon, within or affecting resource areas protected by this chapter:

A. Removal, excavation or dredging of soil, sand, gravel, clay, minerals or aggregate materials of any kind.
B. Changing of pre-existing drainage characteristics, flushing characteristics, salinity distribution, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns or flood-retention characteristics.
C. Drainage or other disturbance of water level or water table.
D. Dumping, discharging or filling with any material which may degrade water quality.
E. Placing of fill, or removal of material, which would alter elevation.
F. Driving of piles, erection or repair of buildings or structures of any kind.
G. Placing of obstructions or objects in water.
H. Destruction of plant life, including cutting of trees.
I. Changing water temperature, biochemical oxygen demand or other physical, chemical or biological characteristics of surface and ground water.
J. Excavation for the purpose of percolation or deep hole testing or the crossing of a resource area with heavy equipment for this purpose.

K. Any activities, changes or work which may cause or tend to contribute to pollution of any body of water or groundwater.

CUMULATIVE EFFECTS
Activities regulated under this chapter, which may be individually minor, but when considered in relation to other past, present or future activities in a given area may be significant in the aggregate.

EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

A. EROSION CONTROL
The ability of the wetland to buffer forces or processes which would threaten or cause to be threatened the stability of landforms and the soil and/or vegetation associated with wetlands and adjoining land areas, in particular, coastal and inland banks. Erosion can be caused by a wearing away of the surface soil or by undermining the interior portion of the landform. Activities in or within 100 feet of resource areas shall not have a significant effect on natural erosion processes.

B. SEDIMENTATION CONTROL
The ability of wetlands to settle out sediments and other waterborne material by reducing water flow by passing it through vegetation or by diffusing flow and reducing velocity. Activities in or within 100 feet of resource areas shall not accelerate or impede the rate of natural sedimentation significantly.

FLOOD CONTROL
The ability of wetlands to absorb, store and slowly release floodwaters to minimize peak flood levels. Flooding can be caused by precipitation or a rising water table. Activities within 100 feet of resource areas shall not alter the flood control value of wetlands significantly.

GROUNDWATER
All subsurface water contained in natural geologic formations or artificial fill, including soil water in the zone of aeration. Activities in or within 100 feet of resource areas shall not significantly alter the existing quality or elevation of naturally occurring groundwater.

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY
Any source or volume of surface or ground water demonstrated to be in private use or shown to have potential for private use, including ground or surface water in the zone of contribution around a private well. Activities in or within 100 feet of a resource area shall not have a significant effect on the quality of a private water supply.[1]

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY
Any source or volume of surface or ground water demonstrated to be in public use or approved for water supply pursuant to MGL c. 111, § 160 by the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering Division of Water Supply, or demonstrated to have a potential for public use, in addition to all surface and ground water in zones of contribution. Activities within 100 feet of resource areas shall not have a significant effect on the quality of a public water supply.

RECREATION
Any leisure activity or sport taking place in, on, or within 100 feet of a resource area which is dependent on the resource area and its values directly or indirectly for its conduct and enjoyment. Recreational activities include, but are not limited to, the following: noncommercial fishing and shellfishing, hunting, boating, swimming, walking, painting, birdwatching and aesthetic enjoyment. Structures and activities in or within 100 feet of a resource area shall not have a significant effect on public recreational values. Notwithstanding this definition, new or expanded recreational activities shall not have a significant effect on other wetlands values identified in §139-1 of this chapter.

STORM DAMAGE PREVENTION
The ability of wetland soils, vegetation and physiography to prevent damage caused by water from storms, including but not limited to: erosion and sedimentation; damage to vegetation, property or buildings; or damage caused by flooding, waterborne debris or waterborne ice. Activities in or within 100 feet of a resource area shall not have a significant effect on storm damage protection.

WILDLIFE HABITAT
Resource areas that provide breeding and nesting habitats, shelter, food and water to all plant and animal species dependent on wetlands for any portion of their life cycles. Includes resource areas identified as containing rare, threatened or endangered species as listed by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Program. Structures and activities in or within 100 feet of any resource area shall not have a significant effect on wildlife habitat.

§ 139-9. Waivers.

A. The Conservation Commission, acting in its discretion, may waive strict compliance with this Bylaw if such action is allowed by federal, state and local statutes, bylaws, and/or regulations; is in the public interest; and is consistent with the purposes of this Bylaw.

§ 139-10. Security.

A. The Commission may require the establishment of an escrow account or other security running to the municipality, and sufficient as to form and surety in the opinion of the Commission's counsel, to secure faithful and satisfactory performance of work required by any permit, in such sum and upon such conditions as the Commission may require.

B. Notwithstanding the above, the amount of such escrow account of security shall not exceed the estimated cost of the work required or the restoration of affected lands and properties if the work is not performed as required, whichever is greater. Forfeiture of any such escrow account or security shall be recoverable at the suit of the municipality in Superior Court. The Commission may, at its discretion, accept as security a conservation restriction, easement or other covenant enforceable in a court of law, executed and duly recorded by the owner of record, running with the land to the benefit of the Town of Belchertown whereby the permit conditions shall be performed and observed before any lot may be conveyed other than by mortgage deed.

§ 139-11. Right of entry; enforcement; violations and penalties.

A. The Commission shall have authority to enforce this chapter, its regulations and permits issued thereunder by violation notices, administrative orders and civil and criminal court actions. Upon request of the Commission, the Board of Selectmen may authorize Town Counsel to take legal action for enforcement of this chapter under civil law. The Conservation Commission may also take legal action for enforcement under criminal law. Duly authorized Town Officials, including but not limited to the Conservation Administrator and any police officer or other officer having police powers, shall have authority to assist with the Commission's enforcement.

B. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, including any causing, suffering or allowing of illegal work, any failure or refusal to comply with an enforcement order, violation notice or administrative order and any failure or refusal to remove illegal fill, restore property or obtain necessary Commission approval, or any person who violates the permits issued by the Commission, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $300. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the chapter, regulations

or permit violated shall constitute a separate offense. This fine may be in addition to any levied under the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL c. 131, § 40.

C. In the alternative the criminal prosecution, the Commission may elect to utilize the noncriminal disposition procedure set forth in MGL c. 40, § 21D. For purposes of noncriminal disposition, the Conservation Commissioners or staff shall be the enforcing persons.

§ 139-12. Burden of proof.

The applicant for a permit shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the credible evidence that the work proposed in the application will not have unacceptable significant or cumulative effect upon the wetland values protected by this chapter. Failure to provide adequate evidence to the Commission supporting this burden shall be sufficient cause for the Commission to deny a permit or grant a permit with conditions.

§ 139-13. Authority; relation to Wetlands Protection Act.

This chapter is adopted under the home rule amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the home rule statutes, independent of the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL c. 131, § 40, and the regulations thereunder.

§ 139-14. Severability.

The invalidity of any section or provision of this chapter shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit or determination which previously has been issued.

C. secure faithful and satisfactory performance of work required by any permit, in such sum and upon such conditions as the Commission may require.

D. Notwithstanding the above, the amount of such escrow account of security shall not exceed the estimated cost of the work required or the restoration of affected lands and properties if the work is not performed as required, whichever is greater. Forfeiture of any such escrow account or security shall be recoverable at the suit of the municipality in Superior Court. The Commission may, at its discretion, accept as security a conservation restriction, easement or other covenant enforceable in a court of law, executed and duly recorded by the owner of record, running with the land to the benefit of the Town of Belchertown whereby the permit conditions shall be performed and observed before any lot may be conveyed other than by mortgage deed.

the wetland values protected by this chapter. Failure to provide adequate evidence to the Commission supporting this burden shall be sufficient cause for the Commission to deny a permit or grant a permit with conditions.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 23 Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of $2,000.00 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2021; and that the Town reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve:

- $30,917.00 from FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space
- $30,917.00 from FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources
- $30,917.00 from FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing

And, further, appropriate and transfer $64,900.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 23 of the May 9, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 24 Voted to appropriate and transfer $50,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve to create a recreational trail on the Town-owned property at Foley Field, said funds to be used for the initial design, engineering, and construction of said trail and costs incidental or related thereto, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Planner.

Moderator requested a hand count. Yes – 121; No 43

(Vote – Yes 121; No 43; Unanimous Yes)

Article 25 Voted to appropriate and transfer $9,975 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve for the grave stone preservation and restoration project at the historic Mt. Hope Cemetery, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer. (Endorsed by CPC 8-0-0 Yes)

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 26 Voted to appropriate and transfer $14,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Balance to create an 18-hole disc golf course at the Constantino Field Recreation Area located off Route 9, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Department.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 27 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, for conservation, forestry, and passive recreation purposes, the parcels of land located off South Gulf Road, consisting of a total of 80 acres, more or less, shown on Assessors Maps 206 as Lot # 28 and Lot # 42, and being a portion of the premises described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 13392, Page 250, which parcels shall be under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §8C and other statutes related to conservation; and to appropriate $633,500 to fund said acquisition and costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of appraisals, surveys, grant applications and stewardship fees for grant compliance; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said funds under the provisions of G.L. c.44B, G.L. c.44 and/or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that no such funds shall be borrowed or expended until the Town shall have received gifts and/or grants in the minimum amount of $316,750, as set forth below; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission to apply for, accept and expend any funds that may be provided by the Commonwealth or other public or private sources to defray all or a portion of the costs of said acquisition, including, but not limited to, grants and/or reimbursement under the Self-Help Act, G.L. Ch. 132A, Section 11 (now, so-called LAND grants), the U.S. Community Forest & Open Space Conservation Program, and/or any other federal and state programs, including those in aid of conservation land acquisition, and, further, to grant a restriction on said property meeting the requirements of G.L. c. 184, §§31-33 in compliance with G.L. c.44B, §12(a), and to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing acquisition. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of

issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. The amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote shall be reduced to the extent of any grants or gifts received by the Town on account of this purchase.

(Vote – 2/3 required – 2/3 Yes)

Article 28 Voted to appropriate and transfer $12,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve to undertake a water quality monitoring program to support and enhance the ongoing lake management initiatives for the Tri-Lakes system, including, without limitation, the protection and improvement lake water clarity, quality and safety, the control of invasive aquatic plants, the protection of the Tri-Lakes' ecological, recreational, and economic values, and other matters, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission. (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 29 Voted to appropriate and transfer $30,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve to be granted to the Belchertown Cultural Alliance Inc., a non-profit organization, for the rehabilitatation and preservation of the historic State School building located at 6 Berkshire Avenue, inluding, without limitation, the replacment of windows and doors thereof with historically accurate and energy-efficient materials, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a grant agreement with said Belchertown Cultural Alliance to set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes & CPC 8-0-0 Yes)

(Vote Majority Yes)

Article 30 Voted to amend the vote taken under Article 14 of the May 14, 2018 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the $110,000 unused borrowing authorization for School Department Boiler (BHS), purchase and install in line 6 of said vote to School Department cooling Tower (CHCS), purchase and install in line 7 of said vote, so that the total borrowing authorization for line 7 is $210,000.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote –Unanimouse Yes)

Meeting adjourned 11:10am.
Attest:
Colleen Toothill-Berte
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD June 27, 2020
FY 21

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	BORROWING	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	None						
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel in resolving court tax cases	$100.00	$100.00				
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	$30,000.00	$30,000.00				
6	None						
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	$5,000.00					
8	None						5,000.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to Cemetery Lot Development Account
9	**Itemized Budget**						
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	$2,221,669.00					
	1. Board of Selectmen - Salary		$10,200.00				
	Expenses		$4,966.00				
	2. Town Administrator, Salary		$134,375.00				
	Wages		$141,040.00				
	Expenses		$9,211.00				
	3. Town Accountant, Salary		$91,317.00				
	Wages		$125,620.00				
	Expenses		$33,950.00				
	4. Town Clerk, Salary		$83,773.00				
	Wages		$72,300.00				
	Expenses		$10,327.00				
	5. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		$91,317.00				
	Wages		$200,755.00				
	Expenses		$57,585.00				
	6. M.I.S. Department, Salary		$98,966.00				
	Wages		$95,819.00				
	Expenses		$227,422.00				
	7. Board of Assessors						
	Assessors (Elected)		$3,200.00				
	Assessor (Salary)		$91,317.00				
	Wages		$247,910.00				
	Expenses		$19,350.00				
	8. Law Account, Fees		$71,300.00				
	9. Finance Committee, Wages						
	Expenses		$250.00				
	10. Election & Registration, Salary		$500.00				
	Wages		$29,906.00				
	Expenses		$18,850.00				
	11. Planning Board, Salary		$89,804.00				
	Wages		$17,030.00				
	Expenses		$3,180.00				
	12. Board of Appeals, Wages		$2,300.00				
	Board of Appeal, Expenses		$450.00				
	13. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		$375.00				
	14. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay, Expenses		$100.00				
	15. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		$1,500.00				
	16. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		$500.00				
	17. Conservation Commission, Salary		$79,949.00				
	Wages		$7,555.00				
	Expenses		$3,400.00				
	18. Lakes Committee, Expenses		$14,000.00				
	19. Human Resources Director, Salary		$30,000.00				
	PUBLIC SAFETY	$4,674,890.00					
	20. Police Department, Salary		$198,288.00			$39,000.00	
	Wages		$952,623.00				$900,000 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
	Expenses		$358,300.00				
	21. Fire Department, Salary		$111,979.00				
	Wages		$1,462,725.00				

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	Expenses		$320,326.00				
	22. Injured on Duty, Expenses		$8,000.00				
	23. Hydrant Service, Expenses		$28,056.00				
	24. Dog Officer Salary		$57,501.00				
	Wages		$28,430.00				
	Expenses		$15,175.00				
	25. Inspection Services, Salary		$88,873.00				
	Wages		$89,735.00				
	Expenses		$14,319.00				
	26. Civil Defense, Wages		$350.00				
	Expenses		$1,210.00				
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	**$30,509,793.00**					
	27. Town School Department						
	Foundation Spending		$27,805,562.00				
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		$2,404,231.00			$300,000.00	
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	**$1,136,059.00**					
	28. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District						
	Net Budget		$1,136,059.00				
	DPW – Highways	**$1,920,139.00**					
	29. Highways/Personnel						
	Salary		$118,759.00				
	Wages		$831,860.00				
	Uniforms		$13,500.00				
	Expenses		$1,400.00				
	30. Highway Admin., Expenses		$19,070.00				
	31. Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		$242,000.00				
	32. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		$180,500.00				
	33. Hired Services, Expenses		$234,000.00				
	34. Street Lighting, Expenses		$27,000.00				
	35. Streets/Construction, Expenses		$179,500.00				
	36. Professional Engineering, Expenses		$36,500.00				
	37. Town Garage, Expenses		$36,050.00				
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL						
	38. Transfer Station (Total)	$2,142,958.00					
	Wages		$0.00				$102,940 from Landfill Receipts
	Expenses		$0.00				$238,136 from Landfill Receipts, $56,939 from Landfill Enterprise free cash
	Hazardous Waste Day		$0.00				
	39. Sewer Enterprise Fund, Wages		$0.00				$133,921.00 from Sewer Enterprise free cash, $243,739.00 from Sewer receipts
	Expenses		$0.00				$944,571.00 from Sewer receipts
	Maturing Debt		$0.00				$388,646.00 from Sewer receipts
	Maturing Debt Interest		$0.00				$34,066.00 from Sewer receipts
	40. Stormwater Utility Fund (Total)	$343,782.00					
	Wages		$0.00				$92,458.00 from Stormwater Utility Enterprise receipts
	Expenses		$0.00				$251,324.00 from Stormwater Utility Enterprise receipts
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	$962,985.00					
	41. Board of Health, Salary		$2,825.00				
	Wages		$36,740.00				
	Expenses		$9,491.00				
	42. Council on Aging, Salary		$81,685.00				
	Wages		$440,400.00				
	Expenses		$41,440.00				
	43. Veterans Services						
	Agent Salary		$77,299.00				
	Wages		$0.00				
	Expenses		$2,180.00				
	Veterans Benefits		$241,000.00				
	44. Veterans Graves - Expenses		$2,625.00				

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ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	BORROWING	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	45. DPW - Cemetery Department, Expenses		$28,200.00				
	46. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		$100.00				
	CULTURE AND RECREATION	**$879,837.00**					
	47. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		$88,873.00				
	Wages		$314,445.00				
	Expenses		$132,600.00				
	48. Parks and Recreation, Salary		$83,518.00				
	Wages		$217,546.00				
	Expenses		$6,535.00				
	49. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		$33,850.00				
	50. Parks & Recreation Beach, Expenses		$2,470.00				
	51. Family Center, Expenses		$0.00				
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	**$807,601.00**					
	52. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		$426,370.00				
	Expenses		$85,750.00				
	53. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		$53,720.00				
	54. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		$5,700.00				
	55. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		$600.00				
	56. DPW-Finnerty House		$8,030.00				
	57. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		$7,525.00				
	58. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		$45,145.00				
	59. DPW-Recreation Bldg., Expenses		$22,600.00				
	60. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		$48,515.00				
	61. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		$8,050.00				
	62. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		$16,190.00				
	63. DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		$36,940.00				
	64. DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		$8,900.00				
	65. DPW-Tagell/MEMA Space, Expenses		$23,991.00				
	66. Animal Control Building		$9,575.00				
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE	**$5,368,553.00**					
	67. General Insurance, Expenses		$0.00		$444,492.00		
	68. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		$0.00		$20,000.00		
	69. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		$0.00		$8,000.00		
	70. Health Insurance, Expenses		$1,175,808.00		$79,192.00		
	71. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		$4,548.00				
	72. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		$125,000.00				
	73. Pensions, Expenses		$3,511,513.00				
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS	**$125,298.00**					
	74. Historical Commission, Expenses		$500.00				
	75. Historical District, Expenses		$348.00				
	76. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		$300.00				
	77. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		$2,000.00				
	78. Unclassified Accts, Expenses		$150.00				
	78A. One Time Expense		$61,000.00			$61,000.00	
	INTEREST & MATURING DEBT	**$2,197,420.00**					
	79. Interest, Expenses		$252,420.00				
	80. Maturing Debt, Expenses		$1,945,000.00				
10	None						
11	**Belchertown Cultural Council**	**$4,000.00**					
	81. Expenses				$4,000.00		
12	**Belchertown Community Channel**	**$65,600.00**					
	82. Operations						$65,600 from PEG Access Cable Related Fubd
13-22	None						
23	Community Preservation Admin Expense	**$2,000.00**					$2,000.00 from FY20 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Open Space	**$30,917.00**					$30,917 from FY21 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Historic Resources	**$30,917.00**					$30,917 from FY21 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD June 27, 2020
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	Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing	$30,917.00					$30,917 from FY21 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Pay CPA debt service on bonds voted under Art. 23 @ May 9, 2016 Annual Town Mtg	$64,900.00					$64,900 from Community Preservation Fund Balance
24	Creation of recreational trail on the Town owned propert at Foley Field	$50,000.00					$50,000 from Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve
25	Gravestone preservation and restoration at Mt. Hope Cemetery	$9,975.00					$9,975 from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve
26	Creation of 18-hole disc golf course at the Constantino Field Recreation Area	$14,000.00					$14,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
27	Acquire South Gulf Road parcel for Conservation	$633,500.00		$633,500.00			
28	To undertake a water quality monitoring program to support and enhance the ongoing lake management initiatives for the Tri-Lakes system, including, without limitation, the protection and improvement of lake water clarity, quality and safety, the control of invasive aquatic plants, the protection of the Tri-Lakes ecological, recreational, and economic values, and other matters, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission	$12,500.00					$12,500 from Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve
29	Rehabilitation and preservation of the historic State School building located at 6 Berkshire Avenue, including, without limitation, the replacement of windows and doors thereof with historically accurate and energy-efficient materials under the direction of the Belchertown Cultural Alliance	$30,000.00					$30,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account
30	School Dept Capital Projects Transfer (from boiler-BHS to Cooling Tower CHCS)	$110,000.00					$110,000.00 from Capital Projects to Capital Projects (line item change)
TOTAL		$54,415,310.00	$48,982,660.00	$633,500.00	$555,684.00	$400,000.00	$3,843,466.00
	Attest:						
	Colleen K. Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk						

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